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Dunblane inquiry told how Hamilton took four minutes and 105 bullets to kill 17

# Above all, let us be rid of this

It looked like something from a Tarantino film. At 4pm yesterday on the 25 monitors around the Albert Halls, in Stirling, a photograph appeared of a dead man dressed in black, lying on the floor of a school gymnasium, pools of blood around his head, four handguns near

But this was no film; rather a stark slice of the horrors of 13 March this year in a small, prosperous Scottish town. For the parents and relatives of the 16 children and one teacher, killed by the man they were looking at on the screen, it was the revisitation of a monster -Thomas Hamilton.

On the first day of the inquiry before Lord Cullen into the massacre at Dunblane Primary School, Hamilton's determination to take as many lives as possible was there for all to

He had carried with him to the Stirlingshire primary school enough ammunition to wipe out every pupil and every member of staff. This year, 709 pupils were registered at Dunblane. There were 31 teachers.

According to a ballistics ex-pert, Hamilton took to the school, in a camera bag, two high-powered pistols, two revolvers and a total of 743 rounds of ammunition. He used a Browning pistol 104 times, reloading and reloading as he pumped bullets into the et, from a different gun - a served for himself. Hamilton had earlier tried to isolate the school by cutting telephone

The parents and relatives of those who lost their lives in the Dunblane gym sat in the balcony of the inquiry hall, above around the gym, how some chiland out of sight of the media.

'Guns are almost sacred objects of desire. Thanks to movies, television and the nightly news, the gun is the most potent of contemporary icons. We now have a gun problem, even if, for the moment, it resides primarily in the more diseased regions of our imaginations. And the point about guns is that they change everything. Your sense of the world is fundamentally altered. A gun redefines any environment as threatening. A gun transports you to a different realm of possibilities. This is the world that Lord

Cullen must consider. He must not be sidetracked. Analyse certainly, understand maybe but, above all, stop. Attempt, by whatever means, to remove the possibility.' Bryan Appleyard, page 19



how their children were fired from one Browning handdressed in PE kit and jumping with joy before their lesson in

They heard how the class had been invaded by Hamilton, how he had sprayed bullets

dren, perhaps theirs, had been

electorally untested leader of the Ulster Unionist Party, and

was called despite angry nationalist protests. His Union-

ist opponents sense some dis-

may in the Trimble camp that

they, rather than he, will bene-

fit from it - "We're making Trimble tremble," one of his

The results, to be declared to-

Northern Ireland the prevailing

sense is of the voters trudging to the polls to do their tribal

duty, an exercise in keeping the

rivals gloated.

They heard from physical ed- shot up to seven times by the bunal there was almost no spected and carefully moni- chest, she had put her fingers showed the place where the

The parents heard how the guns were specialised weapons, designed for accuracy, speed and competition shooting, not the mass murder that they

were finally used for. In the balcony above the tri-

noise throughout the entire

At sides, some relatives were isible. Some held their heads. No one talked. There gazes seemed fixed as each new witness gave their account.

The care taken not to reveal precise details of any of the murdered children was re-

tored by the Lord Advocate. Lord Mackay of Drumadoon, who led the Crown's questions. But it was a difficult

Eileen Harrild described how, huddled in the gym store, with shot children lying near her, and herself suffering from bullet wounds in the arms and

them to keep quite. As Hamilton continued to shoot, she said: "The children were amaz-

The monitors inside the ball showed the inside of the gym in graphic plans.

Aerial photographs of the school, its gym now bulldozed,

when ballistics expert Malcolm Chisholm described Hamilton's probable movements inside the gym and the line of bullets that came from his gun, it would have been difficult for any parent in the land not to have placed their children

Finally, having been spared any photograph of the gymnasium, the clock in the hall

moved to 4pm.

And having checked with Lord Cullen first, the photograph of Hamilton appeared on the monitors. He had put his gun in his mouth and pulled the

trigger.
The beams that children were supposed to play on that morning were shown in front

photograph remained up for

only a short time. Detective Chief Superintendent John Ogg, one of the first officers at the school on March 13, indicated that the slaughter could have been much worse.

Hamilton at one stage left the gym to fire outside. One teacher was grazed by a bullet: a boy, fired at through the gym window, was hit by flying

He shot at the class of primary seven and their teacher. Mrs Kay Gordon. Hamilton's bullets passed straight the classroom, said Mr Ogg.

One bullet hit a small chair near a pupil's desk. Mrs Gordon had seen Hamilton firing in the gym on the 28 pupils of primary one and their teachers. She told her own pupils to get down on the floor.

Mercifully for the people of Dunblane, they are still alive. In a statement read out to the inquiry, assistant teacher Mary Blake, who sustained four wounds to the head and legs, said: "I was hit on my head

"Something terrible was happening. The screams seemed to be inside my head. Children were running around. hysterical, blood was splattered everywhere."

One child lying to her in the store, said "What a bad man." Killed in minutes, page 4

Northern Ireland and Israel: Two elections born of violence, overshadowed by the fear of turmoil to come

### Extremism is likely to win again

Ireland Correspondent

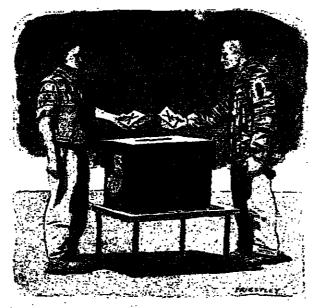
Sadly for the British government, the plain fact is that elec-tions in Northern Ireland produce, more often than not, bad news for those who hope for harmony, agreement and rec-onciliation. Very often they have generated messages un-welcome to London; and today ministers must have the sinking feeling that the same thing may

happen again.
This election, to create a 110-strong forum to pave the way for all-party talks, was billed as the gateway to talks, an expression of the democratic will which would serve as a preliminary for far-reaching peace negotiations. But that was when there was an IRA ceasefire; now there is none, and unless one appears soon, the talks set for 10 June look like being severely limited in their scope.

Worse than this, from London's point of view, is the fact that support for the extremes seems to be holding up well. The Rev Ian Paisley is on the electoral rampage, while there is no sign that Sinn Fein is losing ground. This is not a promising basis for talks.

The election was asked for by David Trimble, the newish and other side out rather than

Men of conscience Lyrical approach Oxford University's women A new set of non-jingoistic pries has been commissioned to students get fewer top-class degrees than men, possibly accompany Beethoven's "Ode To Joy", the BBC's theme because they are more consci-music for Euro 96. Page 3 entious. Page 5



morrow, may yet confound everyone, but it has to be said Unionists have traditionally that most of the electoral surliked elections, confident as prises of the past have not been pleasant - not a single poll is rethey are that on a straight headcount they always win. But of membered by the moderate centre as a success. Rather, it late Unionist politicians comhas been a story of a steady plain that some of their people have become cynical and dis-illusioned with elections, and diminution of the middle increasingly stay at home. Nationalists, by contrast, have Elections tend to expose the

grim geology of Northern Ire-land politics, with a smallish become increasingly organised, with both Sinn Fein and John island layer of middle-ground moderation forever pressed be-Hume's Social Democratic and Labour Party building formitween the tectonic plates of dable machines. Two years ago, Mr Hume startled Mr Paisley by Unionism and nationalism. And Mr Paisley is always around to almost matching his traditionprovide spectacular, and genally gigantic European vote; Sinn Fein, meanwhile, notches erally highly effective, vulcanism. Countries like South Africa can find elections uplifting and up the highest percentage vote even joyous occasions, but in of any party in Belfast city coun-

cil. The tectonic plates move slowly, but they do move. The history of elections reflects the history of the Troubles: the 1969 victory for Bernadette

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affirming a faith in democratic Devlin, which showed nationalists could win elections; the meteoric rise of Mr Paisley, who captured a Westminster seat in 1970 and has held it since; the fragmentation of Unionism; the rise of Sinn Fein as an electoral force in the early 1980s. Soberingly, there have been two by-elections resulting from

the murders of politicians. But very often the real focus of events has lain elsewhere in Anglo-Irish talks and, most of all, in the back streets' terrorist war. Elections themselves have made no apparent contri-bution to banishing the gummen. But this time there could yet

be a happy ending. Once the election is out of the way some way might be found of reassuring republicans that the talks will be for real, and not simply about IRA arms decommissioning. There might then be another ceasefire.

### Frail peace may now be lost forever

PATRICK COCKBURN

The Israeli election campaign started when Yigal Amir fired his pistol into the back of Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, six months ago. Shimon Peres, who succeeded him, could have called an election then and won it. He decided to wait. He expected the situation to become calmer.

Instead it grew worse. Since last November there has been a shocking act of violence almost every month. In February and March suicide bombs killed 63 people in Israel and in April almost 200 people died in Israel's bombardment of Lebanon.

Will the election yesterday end the cycle of violence? It has been presented in simple terms: on the left Shimon Peres, the architect of the Oslo accords, committed to continuing the peace process. On the right Benjamin Netanyahu, his rival from the Likud party, intent on smothering any agreement with the Palestinians by expanding

Israeli settlements It is not that simple. While it has been a tight race between Mr Peres and Mr Netanyahu, it has been clear for weeks that the centre-left coalition commit-Sean O'Callaghan, page 19 ted to negotiations with the

Palestinians, which won the election in 1992, would not get

a majority this time around. This happens at a time when negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians have reached a critical phase. Most Israelis wanted to pull out of the slums of Gaza and the Palestinian towns of the West Bank. But next month talks are to begin on Jerusalem, Israeli settlements and frontiers. These are issues which deeply divide Israelis. It is not likely that any government which emerges from this elec-tion will offer terms that the

Palestinians can accept.

As a real political process. Oslo is already dead. The peace process" has become a slogan without substance, It was always vulnerable because it was drawn out over such a long period and could always be derailed by a bomb. But what truly doomed it was that neither side has got much out of it on

Israelis may say that Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader. is lucky to have got anything. The balance of power in the region is against him. He has no military option. The US has abandoned its former mediating role for uncritical support of Israel and Mr Peres. TURN TO PAGE 2



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Fish: Fury over plans to limit catches Beef: EC chief attacks Britain Milk: Chemical row breakthrough

# Trawler fleet could be halved

KATHERINE BUTLER

Relations between Britain and Brussels were under renewed strain last night after it emerged that the British fishing fleet will have to be halved over the next seven years if radical plans to protect Europe's dwindling fish stocks tabled by the European Commission are ratified.

Emma Bonino, the fisheries commissioner, won agreement vesterday from the 20-member executive to propose fleet cuts over six years of 30 to 40 per cent depending on the species. The move comes in response

to the latest independent scientific findings which point to chronically depleted stocks nearing total collapse for some. So alarming were their findings that the panel recommended a total shutdown of salmon fishing, officials said. Ms Bonino there could be no future for the fishing industry without them. These capacity cuts are absolutely essential if fishermen want a future" she said.

Euro-sceptic Tory MPs were whipped into a fresh lather of indignation by the proposals with John Redwood, the leading Tory Euro-sceptic, calling for Britain to declare a 200-mile fishing limit, if it failed to force the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy.

The cuts in the fleet were "completely unacceptable" said David Harris, the chairman of the Conservative backbench fisheries committee.

"It is out of the question to make a reduction of that size. That really would be to condemn a large section of the fleet to oblivion," he said.

Mr Harris, the MP for St Ives in Cornwall, warned it would fuel anti-EU feeling. He said: "There has got to be a completely different approach to the Common Fisheries Policy."



Dawn of destruction: Fleets like this one in Newlyn, Cornwall, could be ravaged over the next seven years

in the North Sea, the Eastern Channel and off the West of Scotland will be hit by reductions for cod. haddock, whiting and saithe trawlers all fixed at 40 per cent - the bulk of which must be achieved by the end of 1999 and the remainder by 2002 . Cuts for herring and mackerel fleets are also 40 per For Britain, fleets operating cent although they will be more number of days fishermen can grammes, will be given credit so

evenly phased over. Off Cornwall and in parts of the Irish Sea the cuts for all except haddock

and whiting were 40 per cent. The plan, which must still be agreed by the fisheries ministers, requires the "decommissioning" or scrapping of trawlers on a massive scale combined with new curbs such as limits on the

behind schedule in meeting existing fleet reductions.

Mrs Bonino'sk proposals in theory hit all states' fleets but some such as Spain, Portugal and Denmark who unlike Britain have exceeded their obligations under the existing fleet decommissioning pro-

put to sea. Britain is already well only face cuts of between 24 per match EU compensation for the

cent and 30 per cent. EU officials acknowled that the cuts facing British fishermen would be harsh but claimed this is due to persistent government foot-dragging over 13 years in which Brussels has been fighting a losing battle to manage stocks. Britain, they said, would not put up funds to Photograph: Tom Pilston

scrapping of vessels. British officials predicted that Ms Bonino's proposals would be substantially watered down in talks due to start on 10 June when they are put to fisheries ministers. "This is all a matter for negotiation, the de-cision does not rest with the

### Britain flouting the rule of law, says Santer

SARAH HELM

In a concerted effort to bring peace in the beef war, Jacques Santer, president of the European Commission, yesterday condemned Britain for holding ordinary Brussels business "hostage" and appealed for calm on all sides.

The Commission deplores the taking hostage of policy ago, are to be discussed again decisions which have no link by agriculture ministers in Luxwith BSE. Such an attitude has no place in a community based on the rule of law," said Mr Santer, in a two-page statement on the Commission might consid-

to Britain followed the confu-contrary to "the rule of law".

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Tuesday when the Government blocked 13 Brussels policy measures as part of its aftempt to retaliate over the beef ban. While attacking Britain. Mr

Santer also sought to rise above the fray, urging all member states to help bring an early solution to the crisis by backing the Commission's proposals for a partial lifting of the beef ban. The proposals, rejected 10 days embourg on Monday.

The carefully worded attack er taking Britain to the Euro-Mr Santer's stinging rebuke pean Court of Justice for action sion created in Brussels on Article Five of the Treaty of invoked as the sole legal base

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Rome obliges all member states to "facilitate the achievement of the community's tasks" and "abstain from any measures which could jeopardize the objectives" of the treaty.

Mr Santer said yesterday

that Britain's disruption was preventing the functioning of institutions and blocking the progress towards integration". The Commission has the

power to bring infringement procedures against any member state breaking treaty law. Mr Santer's advisers stressed yesraised questions about whether - terday that no such action had vet been considered in response to the British sabotage cam-

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Santer: Attempt to find an early solution to beef crisis

for action against a member state, said a senior official. Nev-Article Five has never been ertheless, the attack may be a warning shot to Britain, which

has launched its own legal chalagainst the the legal basis of the entire beef ban, the proposal for which was drawn up by the Questioning Britain's com-

mitment to the "rule of law" was hypocrisy of a member state, which above all others, pro-

Santer's leadership qualities more sharply than at any time since he became president 18 months ago. The Commission

line, backing measures for a parlenge in the European Court tial lifting of the ban based on scientific evidence, and stressing that BSE is a community problem which also affects other member states.

Yesterday, Mr Santer made clear that the Commission will clearly designed to expose the continue to back the partial lifting of the ban on gelatine, tallow and semen, working claims its commitment to legal "actively with Britain" to nor-observance of the EU treaties. malise the trade in beef. Mr Mr Major has always insisted that his campaign of sabotage no thanks for his moderation. would not be "illegal". Britain has carried on regard-The beef crisis has tested Mr less with its campaign of sabotage, while other member states - particularly Germany and Austria - have refused to compromise, blocking even a par-

### Brussels demands names in baby-brands scare

The Ministry of Agriculture will today give the names of the nine brands of baby milk at the centre of the chemicals scare to the European Commission, despite steadfastly refusing to do

The Government was told that it had until this morning to provide details on the chemical contents of the baby milk they tested. A spokesman for MAFF said that as soon as the ministry received official notification it would give the commission the information it required.

nection, has tried to calm the sit-uation: "I think these scares from MAFF met with the Infant secrecy than by information."

said on Tuesday. "I think the last thing mothers should contemplate doing is changing to some-thing less appropriate."

The latest development in the

baby-milk alert added to MAFF's problems in Europe, but a spokesman for the commission last night ruled out a beef-style ban on British baby milk. However, an agreed mechanism for "rapid exchange of information" between member states exists for the distribution of potentially important facts about food products on the European market.

The system involves information requested being relayed to Brussels within 24 hours - and the commission contacted MAFF after reading accounts of the milk scare in the papers. "We will pass the information

on to all other member states, and they will decide what to do," the spokesman said. "There is no directive allowing the commission to impose a ban in this area." Meanwhile, for the first time

have no solid foundation," he and Dietetic Food Association and leading baby-food manufacturers - Cow & Gate, Milupa, SMA Nutrition and Farleys whose brands have all been found to contain phthalates. A spokesman for MAFF said that

> would report back to ministers The Government's deputy chief medical officer yesterday contacted all directors of public health to pass on information parents should not change their baby's feeding routine and confirmed "an earlier conclusion that there are unlikely to be any risks to infant health from ph-thalate levels in infant formula".

#### **GLENDA COOPER**

The commission wants to know the facts about test results

sperm counts of baby rats. But Dr Richard Sharp, the man who first made the con-

officials had wanted to talk to the industry "fairly urgently" and to GPs, health visitors, community health service doctors and midwives. He advised that

But Chris Gowdridge, director of the Maternity Alliance, said she found it "just extraordinary" that it took pressure from Brus-

lessons of the past," she said. "Women are more alarmed by

which looked at levels of phthalates, linked to impaired fertility, so that any risk elsewhere in Europe can be assessed. In studies by the Medical Research Council, phthalates were found to damage the testicles and reduce the

sels before the Government would give out any details. "They haven't learnt the

### Israeli poll marks end of Oslo

#### FROM PAGE ONE

For the moment Mr Arafat appears grateful for anything he order with 30,000 troops in the longer term a simple truth is being disregarded: The differences between Israel and the 6 million Palestinians in the world are not being resolved, which was was the intention of Oslo,

cisive but unsubtle: Mr Peres has a taste for manoeuvres, but can get. He can probably keep seldom acts decisively. A recent example was Israel's bombardenclaves he controls. But in the ment of Lebanon, with its excessive force and unclear goals.

The tide has already turned for Oslo, regardless of whether Mr Peres or Mr Netanyahu sits in the prime minister's office. It Mr Peres is to blame for every bomb and bullet on Iran. Mr Peres is to blame for every bomb and bullet on Iran. process, which the election of much of what has gone wrong. The dissatisfaction of millions 1992 began.

He was at his best when he of people will express itself worked with Rabin who was dedissent fail to produce results. Mr Netanyahu says he knows

how to deal with terrorism. His policy is that if you act tough with Arabs, they will come to heel. Diplomats in Tel Aviv are appalled. But in Lebanon last month Mr Peres showed that in practice his policy is little different. The election of 1996 is no good Mr Peres blaming marks the end of the peace

### SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

The Tory Party wiped out its debts with offshore
faccionts holding millions of pounds in donations
from secret foreign backers, it was alleged last night.
John Prescott, the deputy leader of the Labour Party,
said the Tories had compensated for a "massive drop" in
company donations in the UK by relying on
"indefensible" money from sources they refused to reveal,
many from abroad. "At the same fine as they claim to be many from almoad. At the same fine as they claim to be battling for Britain in Europe, the Tories are putting

hemselves in hock to secretive foreign businessmen.

Mr Present fold a seafarers' conference in Dublin. The Jory party leadership has insisted that the money has come largely from small businesses which have have made new donations more than compensating for 100 corporate donors which have been lost since the general election. Labour is planning to step up its assault on the Tery secret funding when MPs return next week from the Wintsun recess of the Commons. Colin Brown

A man who admitted "ending his mother's pain" with a marphine overdose may be prosecuted. The file on the death of cancer sufferer Alice Rowbottom. 80, is passed to the Crown Prosecution Service yesterday was passed to the Crown Prosecution Service yesterday after an investigation by Greater Manchester police.

An inquiry was ordered by the coroner after Mrs Rowbottom's devoted son, Derek, 44, confessed to administering two huge disses of the drug.

Mr Rowbottom, of Astron-under Lyne, was innerviewed by police after his mother's death in North Manchester General Hospital on 10 April this year.

Mrs Rowbottom of Moston, who had soent six weeks

Mrs Rowboftom of Moston, who had spent six weeks at the hospital unable to eat, drink or move, died shortly at the nospital unable to eat, drink or move, died shortly after her son was aported by nurses administering a double dose of the pain-kalling drug diamorphine.

He later said. This wanted to ease her pain. She would have done the same for me. If the law prevents you from helping someone that you dearly love to rest in peace, it just wants changing," he said.

A CPS spokesman said the matter was "under ecosideration."

policemen is to face two charges of causing Adopted by dangerous driving after he was involved in a car chase in which two people died, including another

PC Airthony Collins, 42 driving a marked patrol car, chased a stolen Ford Escort through Birmingham late one night last December. The West Midlands Police car onlided with a Vanxhall Nova at a road junction in Oldbury, near Dudley, Neil Homer, from Oldbury, who was through the Vanxhall, and PC Robert Dallow, 41, who was in the passenger sear of the police car, were both falled PC Collins was ineated in hospital for minor impries and later discharged. The car thief escaped. An investigation was carried out, overseen by the Police Complaints Authority, and was passed on to the Crown Prosecution Service. Jason Bennetto

Emancial support is lacking for thousands of hard-pressed carers battling against stress, loneliness and

A national campaign to target the "hidden carers" was launched yesterday, simed at the 50,000 people who are eligible for invalid care allowance but do not claim it because they are unaware of their entitlement. The Caring for Carers Campaign, organised by the Carers National Association, revolves around a freephone number 6800-100 000 — which will tell people which benefits they may claim. Funded by British Gas, the national call bureau will be manned by volunteers.

"Many carers see what they do as a labour of love. or as a family responsibility - mostly because they are carrie for a loved one and for that reason do not seek out the help that is widely available to them," said Jill Pitkeathley, chief executive of the Carers National Association. Glenda Cooper

The jury in the retrial of Sara Thornton, accused of murdering ber husband, Malcolm, retired last night williout reaching a vertical after four hours' deliberation. The two-snd-a-half week trial at Oxford Crown Court heard that Thornton, 39, stabbed her husband once through the chest as he lay drunk on the sofa at their home in Atherstone, Warwickshire. She denies murder.

The Court of Appeal ordered the retrial last year after Thornton had served five years in jail. Mr. Justice Scott-Baker told the jury there were three possible verdicts: guilty of murder, guilty of manslaughter and not guilty of any offence. He told the jury they were entitled to look at previous conduct in the marriage and the fact that 44-year-old Malcolm was an alcoholic. Thornton has been on bail since the Court of Appeal

incidents of serious water pollution have decreased in England and Wales, according to a report published by the Environment Agency yesterday. For the third year in a row, the number dropped significantly in 1995.

Last year there was a drop of 13 per cent in the

hearing last year. The trial was adjourned until today.

number of serious pollution incidents, and between 1990 and 1995 there was a 70 per cent drop. The Environment Agency took over the responsibilities

of its predecessors - the National Rivers Authority, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution and the Waste Regulation Authorities – in April. Friends of the Earth welcomed the report, but a spokesman. Roger Lilley, said: "There are a still a

number of serious concerns about the purity of water in our rivers and the health of a great many of our rivers is in question."

enneh Cole, the five-year-old orphan brought to Britain for a life-saving operation, bade a learful farewell yesterday as she returned to Sierra Leone. She arrived three weeks ago for to have a bullet removed from behind her eye at the Norfolk and Norvich Hospital.

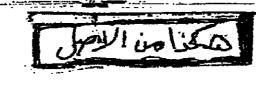
She lost the sight in her right eye and was left partially deaf after being shot in the head with the bullet, which lodged in her skull. Tenneh; who also lost her parents during the civil war in Sierra Leone, looked overwhelmed and confused as she prepared to fly home. Colonel Mark Cook, of the Hope and Homeless charity, said: "She is rather overawed by the whole trauma. She has suffered terribly."

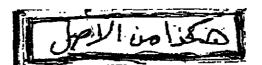
joint managing director of Sainsbury's was Ayesterday put in charge of British tourism. David Quarniby, 54, was appointed chairman of both the British Tourist Authority and the English Tourist Board by Virginia Bottomley, Secretary od State for National Heritage, and will receive £54,000 for working a three-day week. Mr. Quarnibranil spalence Adala Birg without

week. Mr Quarmby will replace Adele Biss, whose contract was not extended by Mrs Bottomley, amid

rumours of acrimony between them.

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# CANT SHORTS



### righton rocks as vintage Vespas hit the seafront

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It could be 1966. But this was Brighton sea-front yesterday, the air filled with raucous engines and the heady smell of Britain. Castrol and Silkolene

Dozens of vintage Vespas back. With today's new twoand Lambrettas were in the south-coast resort revisiting the scene of the pitched battles between mods and rockers which inspired Pete Townsend's Quadrophenia, the rock opera which will be performed next month at a huge open air con-cert in Hyde Park, London.

The remnants of The Who will recreate the 1960s with scenes filmed yesterday in Brighton as the backdrop. Sporting high aerials and scores of chromed wing-mirrors and headlamps, the scooters rode in tight, formation through the June. The Who are reforming to play the one-off concert in aid

from scooter clubs throughout the south of England, and were assembled by the Vespa Club of This summer, scooters are

wheelers, being cool is easy. Ask Oasis, Blur's Damon Albarn or Bono of U2, all proud - if slightly wobbly - owners of Italiet Velociferos, the latest 60sretro Italian machines. Paul Weller, however, now the grandfather of the mod scene despite being a mere 30-something, insists on a Lambretta.

Quadrophenia, the story of Jimmy, the mod with a multiple-personality disorder, will be played live to a sell-out crowd in London at the end of

dience scenes of vintage Vespas and Lambrettas being ridden along the Brighton sea-front will help tell Jimmy's story.

On the same bill as Pete Townsend and Roger Daltrey, though not appearing in Quadrophenia, will be Eric Clapton and Bob Dylan. Quite what Dylan, the old croaker, would make of today's scooter scene is impossible to guess. But for thousands of old Vespa and Lambretta owners, singing along nostalgically to Bell Boy, the days when you could buy a classy suit for £40, head down

to Brighton for a long weekend and throw deckchairs at a rocker will be fondly remembered. Quadrophenia - the 1979 film of the rock opera, starring Sting - sparked massive re-

town, drawing puzzled stares. of the Prince's Trust. On giant newed interest in the scooter The parka-clad riders came screens above the Hyde Park au- scene. By 1986 up to 15,000 scooterists would congregate in Brighton, Scarborough, Westonsuper-Mare and Skegness every bank-holiday weekend.

As with London's débutantes, scooterists had their Season too. From Easter until late-September, the arrival of scooterboys and girls in army greens, and mods in their tonic suits, loafers and parkas could cause shops to be boarded up, pubs to shut down and camp sites to empty.

But for a new generation of scooter riders, captivated by Martha Reeves and the Vandellas or the latest techno sound, Quadrophenia says being sharp on two wheels is back in style. "Keeping the Faith", as they used to say, has never



The way they were: Mods and rockers, watched by police, meet in Folkestone in 1969

### **Cabinet** rivals fight for Koreans

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

The rivalry between two British Cabinet ministers last night was claimed to be putting at risk plans by a Korean company to invest Libn in a microchin plant in

Britain, creating 4,000 new jobs. Posturing by William Hague, Secretary of State for Wales, and Michael Forsyth, Secretary of State for Scotland, is alleged to have delayed a decision by LG International (formerly Lucky Goldstar) on investment in a new emi-conductor plant.

Mr Hague, on the wet wing of the Tory party, has been trying to entice the company to invest in Wales. Mr Forsyth, a Thatcherite ring-winger, was yesterday using his rival charms in Korea to persuade the in-

vestors to plump for Scotland.

"There is some political posturing going on which is geiting in the way of the question of LG's inward investment in the UK," a source close to the project said.

The stakes were raised two weeks ago when it was reported on the BBC that LG had decided to site their proposed plant in Wales. That was seen by the source as a "politically mo-tivated" leak. The source said there were "unhelpful" signs of ension between the rivals.

The company has not been in touch with either the Welsh Development Agency or Scottish Enterprise since the BBC report, although a decision was expected a month ago.

Mr Forsyth has been in the Far East since last week, when he secured two Japanese business investment schemes offer-ing 200 jobs in Scotland. He was able to clinch a deal for investment by another Korean industrial group. Shin Ho Tech, to build a £9m computer monitor assembly plant in Scotland. Announcing the deal, Mr Forsyth appeared to fire a shot across Mr Hague's bows. He said he was 'determined" that it would be followed by other Korean firms.

However. Mr Hague and Mr Forsyth may fight each other to a draw. There were reports that LG may split their plans with a microchip plant in Scotland and a manufacturing and assembly plant in Wales.

# Who us? Plane fracas is kicked into touch

STEVE BOGGAN

The Football Association reacted with scepticism yester-day to claims by Cathay Pacific that something so hard as a television screen could have been damaged by the boot of an England player.

While the airline submitted a £5,000 bill for two such screens smashed during the team's flight home from Hong Kong, the FA expressed astonishment at the thought that drunken players could have been responsible.
The England manager Terry

Venables promised a full inquiry yesterday, but not before MPs had called for those responsible to be kicked out of the squad before the start of next month's Euro 96 championships.

According to early reports, the two screens, measuring 6m square and located in seat armrests, were damaged at the end of a drinking and card-playing session in the upstairs "bubble" section of the Cathay Pacific Boeing 747 during the flight home on Tuesday morning. A table was also reported to have been broken.

Inevitably, the first man accused of causing the damage was Paul Gascoigne, who was



his 29th birthday. A high spirited Gascoigne later apologised for upsetting a stewardess after an altercation Neither the FA nor Cathay

Pacific would name Gascoigne as the culprit. His agent, Mel Stein, said Gascoigne would not comment.

The airline reported the damage to Scotland Yard, which promised to conduct an investigation, and yesterday the FA was shown a bill for £5,000. Russell Stenhouse,

spokesman for Cathay Pacific, said: "It will cost us that much to repair the damage. We waitknown to have been celebrating ed for about eight hours after happen over the next few weeks

and get engineers on board. They examined the damage and established that it had not been caused accidentally. It was done with intent."

The FA sought to play down the fracas yesterday and promised that Venables would carry out "face to face" intertaking action. Despite evidence of England were invited to relating to the damage, it issued "shop a yob" last night with the said: "The Football Association publication of about 100 phois very concerned by some exaggerated media comments today in connection with the behaviour of the England team on its return journey.

"At this stage it is by no means clear who was responsible. Then, whatever action is needed will be taken." It seems likely that Venables will resist calls to suspend those responsible. particularly because the Uefa deadline for replacing players passed yes-terday. However, that did not

stop a number of MPs calling for them to be punished.

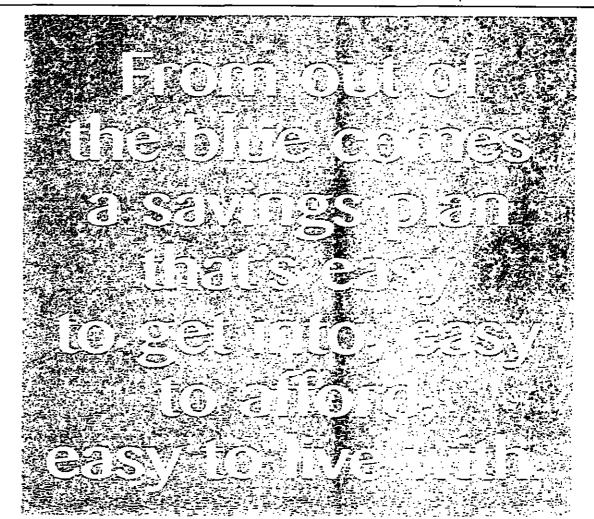
John Carlisle, vice-chairman of the Conservative Party's television, show faces in sharp backbench sports committee. said: This has happened at a time when obviously we are worried about what is going to

the plane landed so we could re- when the competition gets unport the incident to the police der way. It sets a terrible example. The culprits should be identified, publicly exposed and thrown out of the squad at once. And if that includes Paul Gascoigne, then so be it."

Venables is not likely to conduct his interviews until next week, by which time much of the furore may have died down. views with the players before Residents in the North-east "shop a yob" last night with the tographs of unidentified suspected soccer hooligans, writes

The pictures in the Newcastle Evening Chronicle were from security videos of crowds running amok in the centre of Newcastle following the failure of the city's team to win the Premier League earlier this month. As part of a clampdown on football violence in the run up to Euro 96 the police have launched a wide ranging operation to identify and prosecute the Newcastle hooligans.

The pictures, some of which will also be shown on regional detail. As well as spreading the pictures across two pages, the Evening Chronicle urges its readers to "Shop A Yob". Jim White, page 19



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### Beethoven loses after extra rhyme

DAVID LISTER

As John Major marches with a new boldness against Europe, the BBC is trying to hold Europe together by commissioning strictly non-jingoistic words to accompany the theme music for its coverage of Euro 96.

The Corporation is already facing criticism for choosing a German, well Beethoven, and his "Ode To Joy" from the Ninth Symphony, as the anthem for the European football championships. It has now comgissioned a new translation of the German words which is "non-jingoistic and broad-

The words to be sung on tele-

vision every night to be named, after deciding the Beethoven's Ninth Symphony original words by Schiller have been obtained by the In- sounded stilted and were mapdependent and are in the best Eurofile traditions.

John Willan, head of music at BBC Worldwide, commis-

propriate for a football pro-gramme. Schiller's verses talk of daughters of Elysium," a phrase which may not roll tripsioned the translation from a pingly off the tongues of supjournalist, who does not want to porters at Wembley. 'Ode To Joy', Euro 96 style

Sing a song of joy and freedom, sing a song of brother-hood/Stand and cheer and lift your spirit, fell as proud as heroes should/Glorious nations, celebrations, join an ode to joy and peace/Sing with passion, sing with feeling, match the best that others could.

Sing a song of understanding, sing an anthem to the free/Sing a song which has no ending, revel in its poetry/Glorious nations, celebrations, join an ode to joy and peace/Mighty voices ring triumphant round the world in unity.

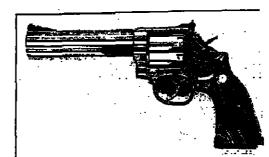
Mr Willan gave the writer two translations - one of the original Schiller and one a bowd-lerised version done by Sir Harry Secombe some years ago. The writer's brief was to adapt them into "non-jingoistic and broad-based verses which relate to the euphoria surrounding a pan-European event".

Mr Willan said yesterday that those making a fuss about the use of Beethoven as a theme for Euro 96 had forgotten that the Ninth Symphony was original-ly commissioned by the Royal Philharmonic Society.

The new words are sung by the BBC Symphony Orchestra with the music being played by the BBC Concert Orchestra.



Dunblane: 'A man came through. I was going to ask what he wanted. He started to shoot at me'



# Happy children cut down in a minute

JAMES CUSICK

Thomas Hamilton prepared for the massacre at Dunblane primary school with an obsessive precision. According to the stark, clinical details presented vesterday on the first day of the inquiry before Lord Cullen, Hamilton arrived at the school with enough ammunition and weapons to wipe out the entire school. He may also have attempted to cut off the school's telephone system, isolating it from the outside world and possible help.

Hamilton's main target may have been the assembly half. Police firearms expert, Malcolm Chisholm, described to the inquiry the arsenal which Hamilton carried into the school gym to murder to children and their teacher on 13 March.

Inside a camera bag, on four holsters around his body and in two body pouches, Hamilton carried a total of four guns and 743 rounds of ammunition. There were two Smith and Wesson revolvers and two highpowered Browning pistols. He was dressed in black, with a dark hat, and wore spectacles. Specialist muffs covered his ears to deaden the noise of his

nage Hamilton loaded and reloaded one of the Browning pistols. It took 9mm Luger

The cartridges are sold without any indication on them to show top or bottom. Hamilton had put his own mark on them to speed up loading. He had also loaded the cartridges in a precise sequence, using four dif-ferent kinds of bullets.

Asked by the Lord Advocate, Lord Mackay of Drumadoon whether he had ever come across "such a loading mix-ture" of bullets, Mr Chisholm, a scenes-of-crime officer with Tayside Police, and who previ-ously served in Strathelyde Police for 30 years, said: "I have

Beginning at 9.37am. Hamil-ton fired a total of 105 shots. In notice tests, it is estimated the Browning would take, if continuously fired, 50.4 seconds to shoot 105 rounds.

When Hamilton started to fire inside the gymnasium. Eileen Harrild, Dunblane's part-time physical education teacher, was the first to face directly the strange man dressed in black. Only minutes before, she had been laying out equip-



Lord Cullen arriving for the Dunblane inquiry and (right) Thomas Hamilton

few minutes due to a meeting

with the headmaster." Mrs

Mayor's diary was laid out on a bench. A child's spectacles were neatly placed beside them.

Mary Blake, Dunblane's teach-

ing assistant, was will use and Mrs Harrild said she became

aware of the gym doors open-

ing. "A man came through, he

took a couple of steps. I was go-

ing to ask what he wanted. He started to shoot at me." She

raised her arms and Hamilton

began to shoot indiscriminately.

Mrs Harrild was shot in the

arms and chest. She said she had

been in shock and could not comprehend what was hap-

The British Shooting Sports

Council yesterday argued

against a complete ban on the

the first day of the inquiry into

the Dunblane shootings, it

urged Lord Cullen not to dis-

miss the current gun laws out of

evidence it had submitted to the

inquiry, Patrick Johnson, sec-

retary of the British Shooting

Sports Council, said: "We have made a number of positive pro-

posals to Lord Cullen for increasing public safety - largely

through more effective practice

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she lay in the store area she was aware that injured children and Mrs Harrild's voice as she calmly told the inquiry: "The wee Mrs Blake, also shot, had folones were always excited. I told lowed her to the store area. them to stand, spaced out throughout the gym. With them was their teacher, Gwen May-In the inquiry hall, the monitors showed maps of the school and its interior. Diagrams of the or. She was to be relieved in a

gym area revealed that Hamilton had taken up three three different positions while he fired at the children. He had spread his fire when he first came into the gym. Then he walked to the middle of the gymnasium and fired more rounds. He walked to the end of the gym, turned and began firing back down the

David Scott, one of Duzblane's art teachers, was look-ing down from his classroom into the gym. He saw Hamilton shooting. A young pupil who was sent out to find a pair of scissors also looked into the gym. Hamilton saw him and fired out through the gym win-dow. The boy was hit by flying

pening. She had stumbled to-wards the open store area of the At the top end of the gym Hamilton pushed open the fire Hamilton's fire was rapid, doors and stood looking at the back of a chair." continuous. He did not stop. As

nearby Portacabin classrooms and the school's main building. He was looking directly at the cloakroom and library.

One of the first detectives to arrive at Dunblane, Detective Chief Superintendent John Ogg, described the series of near misses that could have increased the numbers murdered at the

Mr Tweddo, a teacher, walking along the lower corridor of the main building, was grazed in the head by a bullet as Hamilton, now outside the gym, fired. He fired again at the classroom belonging to the primary seven class taught by Mrs Gordon. She had noticed Hamilton in the gym and ordered her class to get down on the floor. Ch Supt Ogg described her decision as

Nine bullets were fired at the Portacabin classroom of primary seven. Some bullets passed straight through the classroom walls. Ch Supt Ogg said: "One of the bullets went through the

fortunate

ing a hole through the top of I Hamilton returned to the gym. He fired again down the hall. But then he stopped. He head. It blew him off his feon to the wall of the gym, a switched the Browning into anhe fell on his back. other hand and took out one of the two Smith and Wesson re-

In front of him, where or minutes earlier there had be-27 eager, happy five- and si year-olds and three adults read to teach them, there were 1 murdered bodies and a class injured and terrified survivor.



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dard's Council's monthly report published today, writes Mari-anne Macdonald. The BSC upputting a complete ban on possession of firearms of one sort held some, but dismissed most of another. The current laws and rules should not be dismissed of the 25 received. out of hand as ineffective." ITV's early evening news on Mr Johnson said that the the day of the massacre was council planned to put further evidence to Lord Cullen once his among items found to be intrusive of relatives' grief. hearings had been completed -but not to engage in public de-"No relatives had been interviewed but the council was bate while he was sitting. troubled by the length and de-

the proceedings and his hearings are about to begin," Mr Johnson said. "It would be wrong of anyone to seek to influence the outcome by making public statements about gun control while his inquiry is in progress."

Coinciding with the opening of the Cullen inquiry, a report by headteachers said yesterday that schools should install pan-

"Lord Cullen has control of ic alarms, bright lighting, security barriers and prickly bushes to deter intruders,. The National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT) will advise its members to review their policies for ensuring that pupils and teachers are safe.

Sportsmen say gun ban is not necessary

Walls and fences should be low and topped with railings to prevent intruders from hiding

site can be seen. As well as a repeat of the behind them, and impenetrable Dunblane tragedy, crisis policies

Television 'intrusive' on grief Complaints about the coverage tail of the coverage of families of the Dunblane tragedy dom-inated the Broadcasting Stan-used of clearly identifiable fam-

> council felt this was an unnecessary intrusion." The BSC also upheld a complaint about the coverage of the killings by Capital Radio on the same day. It felt that the presentation of The Way It Is magazine programme was "in-sufficiently sensitive and failed

to respond adequately to the

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Also upheld were eight com-plaints about ITV's News At Ten on the day the tragedy oc-curred. An interview with Agnes Hamilton, the mother of the murderer, was found to be intrusive and exploited her vulnerability as a victim.

Two complaints about Channel 4 - about a documentary on acquiring guns illegally and a promotion showing a presenter apparently firing into the screen - were also upheld

bushes should be planted near them to make access more difity of bomb threats, terrorism, natural disasters or a pupil or conference in Torquay heard teacher being taken hostage. Emergency procedures should yesterday. Visitors should be directed through just one en-trance and if possible the school be drawn up to include informing parents, bringing in counsellors where necessary and making staff aware of the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder, the report says.

When a serious incident does happen, injured pupils and staff should be visited in hospital and, if someone has died, representatives of the school should attend the funeral.

In such cases, a school should consider setting up a memorial or holding a special assem-

David Hart, General Secretary of the NAHT, said that more funding was needed to improve school security. We can find hundreds of mil-

lions [of pounds] to compensate beef farmers, but when it comes to urgent funding for school security the Government doesn't seem willing to act."

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As university's results continue to show men achieving more firsts, expert is called in to examine disparity. Louise Jury reports

# Oxford debates why women are still second best

Statistics which show Oxford University's women students get fewer top-class degrees than the men may beg the question what is a first-class brain?

Ruth Deech, the principal of St Anne's College, said yesterday that the university may have to examine what it is rewarding when it awards a first-class degree.

As Dr Margaret Spear, an educational researcher, arrived at the university this month to begin a 10-month investigation into women's relative underachievement, the reasons were being fiercely debated.

Mrs Deech, who came to Oxford as a student 30 years ago and stayed, said the women's methodical approach to finals might be militating against

"It appears women are much more conscientious, very careful to get their facts right and present the arguments beautifully. Men will have a brave go at a brand new theory. It may be a question of style. Which should we be

Although women gain fewer firsts than men - 14 per cent compared with 23 per cent - a higher proportion gain 2:1s and fewer female students get

Standards have improved in the past 20 years, but the increase in women getting firsts has been smaller than the dramatic improvement in men's

At most other universities. apart from Cambridge where female students have a similar experience to their counterparts at Oxford, women's perfor-mance is similar to men's although they still achieve fewer

Dr Margaret Spear is to examine possible causes including Oxford's one-to-one tutorial teaching and the highly pressurised examinations which assess the degree in intensive three-hour papers at the end of the final year.

Mrs Deech said she thought the stress of finals might contribute. Her experience was that the cleverest women undergraduates reacted badly to the pressure created by the expectation of success.

And Derek Wood QC, principal of the former women's college St Hugh's, pointed out women 20 years ago had to be brilliant because there were only five women's colleges compared with five times that number reserved for the opposite

He saw "nothing to choose" between men and women as they went through their courses. "You can't see the women struggling against the men. But it does seem that a higher proportion of women don't do justice

Both heads dismissed claims that the disappearance of the single sex colleges was to blame. Most went mixed partly because they were failing to attract the

Undergraduates outside the English faculty yesterday had

their own theories.
"The teaching staff is very male, Oxford is a male domain. Two of my tutors are blatantly misogynist," said one 23-year-old finalist.

A first-year, aged 19, said most tutors tried not to be sexist but were "vaguely unenlightened" without realising it. "And one thing you do twig very quickly is women are in the minority.

About 44 per cent of undergraduates are female but fewer than seven per cent of the professors are. As a first is now almost obligatory to win post-graduate funding. Oxford women's failure to win them reduces their chances of becoming academics.

Joanna Innes, who chairs the university's equal opportunities committee, said they needed to narrow down the current ideas about what was

And Dr Spear, who has previously investigated gender dif-ferences in schools, said she hoped to be practical. "I think it is most productive to concentrate on factors where there is a possibility of bringing about

Sally Copley, vice president



Final analysis: Students filing in for exams at Oxford. Some believe the severe pressure may affect women's results

Photograph: Bnan Hams

results are quite different

things."
But there were also words of reassurance for women. Mrs. Deech said she believed they often gained more from their time at Oxford than men. "Far too many men spend their university careers having a beer and playing football while women do drama and teach orphans in Romania," she said.

#### (women) of the students' union, I always say you should look welcomed the investigation -"although appointing a researcher and acting on the just getting a first." Dorrell pledges more beds and nurses for sick children

LIZ HUNT

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unveiled plans to reduce the numbers of seriously sick children being turned away from hospital each winter.

Àn extra 30 paediatric intensive care beds and more specialist nurses to staff them have been promised by the end of the year. A new bed location service to help doctors find the nearest available paediatric intensive care bed as fast as possible is also planned in time for the peak winter period when suspected meningitis cases and chest infections place extra burden on an over-stretched

An additional £2m was allocated for more specialist nurses - six are required for each intensive care bed, which costs £250,000 a year to run and to improve "retrieval" services for moving very sick ing said it was a "positive ges- haemorrhage at home in Stock- troughs of demand, he said.

children to their nearest ture" but in real terms would do specialist unit.

Overall the number of beds more than 20 per cent over the next four years with 37 new general and specialist intensive care beds, and 18 high dependency beds. There are currently 196 general and specialist intensive care beds and 53 high dependency beds in England.

Announcing details of the five-point plan, Stephen Dorrell, Secretary of State for Health, said that 37 of the new beds will be provided within two years. Asked if the extra beds would mean children would no longer be turned away, Mr Dorrell said the announcement would offer a "better assurance" of care.

money for paediatric services would result in cuts elsewhere. The Royal College of Nurs-

Medical and nursing groups welcomed the news, but they said failure to provide new

little to alleviate a long-term crisis. It was doubtful that enough The Government yesterday nationally is to be increased by specialist staff - usually cited by hospitals as the biggest barrier to opening new paediatric intensive care beds - could be found to run the new beds in the short-term. "There is no pool of

> spokesman said. Harriet Harman, Labour's health spokeswoman, accused the Government of "shirking its responsibility" by refusing to tell hospitals how they are to meet

trained staff waiting to be

employed that we are aware of,"

the costs of the new beds. Hundreds of children in need of an intensive care bed had to be turned away from major hospitals in England last winter, prompting widespread criticism of Government policy from doctors and patient's groups.

The crisis peaked with the death of 10-year-old Nicholas Geldard. He suffered a brain

port, Cheshire, in December. and was ferried, already brain dead, to Leeds after hospitals in Liverpool, Manchester and Sheffield turned him away

Following the publication of the Geldard inquiry in March. Mr Dorrell ordered a report into paediatric intensive care by the NHS Executive. That report, published yesterday, after discussions with health authorities and trusts, concluded that more beds, specialist staff and greater flexibility are needed.

Mr Dorrell said that paediatric intensive care was "part of the base commitment of the NHS" and it was a matter of "resource allocations and choices" by individual trusts to determine how they would provide the extra beds. The NHS could not afford over-provision of beds - the annual cost of a bed is equivalent to 20 heart valve operations - but must be able to meet the peaks and



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### Move to split Law Society

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Moves to break up the Law Society and give its representative functions to a body run by high street solicitors are to be put to a vote at the profession's annual general meeting next month. The decision to throw down the gauntlet to the establishment based at Chancery Lane,

central London, is the latest

manifestation of the grassroots

discontent that propelled Mar-

tablishment president, into office last summer.

Motions about to be tabled by the fledgling Solicitors' Association for the July meeting will urge the society to follow the example of the medical profession's General Medical Council and British Medical Association. under which regulatory and professional interests are separated. They make clear the association's intention to seek to remove the entire ruling council of the society from office in tin Mears, the society's anti-es- order to achieve this.

The initiative has been pioneered by John Edge, a Bournemouth solicitor and the association's founder, and steeting group member Anthony

Bogan, who was elected to the society's ruling council last year.
The association has been campaigning for an end to predatory pricing in con-veyancing and an end to the conflict between the Law Society's regulatory functions and the survival of small firms. A division of responsibilities, leaving the society responsible

for training, admission and conduct while giving the association the "trade union" function. could be brought about by amending the society's charter at the AGM. But that would require a two-thirds majority at the meeting and within the council.

While the council would be expected to veto such a move, the association has been advised by Michael Beloff QC that it is possible to amend the society's by-laws to permit it to end the term of office of all or any of the

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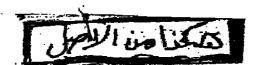
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## Le Shuttle's £49 fare starts price war in Channel

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Transport Correspondent

The long-expected price war for crossing the Channel finally broke out yesterday with Eu-rotunnel announcing that its main return fare was being halved to £129. Five-day trips have been reduced to as low as £49 and other fares have also been slashed from 1 June.

The largest two ferry companies, P & O and Stena, immediately announced that they would be matching the cuts, even though their brochure prices are currently around double Euronmel's new fare. Eurotunnel operates the Le

Shuttle "turn up and go" service on its trains and is desperate to increase its current 40 per cent share of the market in order to stave off bankruptcy.

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cross-Channel companies has been reduced by Eurotunnel from £266 to £129, putting at risk the profitability of any of the operations. While the ferry companies will not be changing their brochures, any passenger who says when booking with a ferry that they can obtain a

cheaper fare from Eurotunnel will be offered a matching price. While simplifying its overall fares structure to give just nighttime and daytime rates, Eurotunnel has launched a new Apex fare of £99 for people booking at least two weeks in advance travelling between 15 June and 15 July and a club fare aimed at business travellers who will get priority in the queues, and goodies such as a

ewspaper and coffee. The peak-period daytime fare for people going abroad for sponded to the price cuts by ac-

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more than five days which is the cusing Eurotunnel of using its key revenue earner for all the parlous financial state to its advantage. Steve Lawrence, spokesman for Sea Containers which owns Hoverspeed, said: "Eurotunnel are effectively bankrupt and they are doing this just to maximise revenue. They are not paying interest on their massive debt and this gives them a completely unfair advantage."

The ferry operators' anger is heightened by the fact that Eurotunnel managers had long stressed that they would not enter into a price war. They argued that it would be counter-productive but now, asked to justify it, a spokesman for the company said: "We've been operating for over a year and we've found out what our customers want. They want a simple fares structure." The company is also retaining its policy of very low prices for duty free goods, again squeezing the ferries' profits.

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Royal secret: Restorers at Hampton Court find device for excluding courtiers

### Sadness of King George at lack of private rooms

leys round the room.

they drew a blank until some-

Wight, to lock herself inside her

"It dawned on us that this thing at Hampton Court could

be similar. So we ran a wire

round the pulleys and put it

MARIANNE MACDONALD Arts Correspondent

The average Briton today may get little privacy, but our problems are nothing compared to the difficulty George II had in getting a bit of peace and quiet with his Queen Caroline.

Life at Hampton Court involved constant interruption. Even in the Royal bedroom. For although George II could lock the door, his leading courtiers
— the equivalent of the Prime Minister, the Lord Chief Justice, the Archbishop of Canterbury all had keys. They could, and

did, walk in unannounced. But George II dreamed up a solution, which although known about at the time, has only now been rediscovered as a result of the restoration of the palace following the 1986 fire.

Work recently began on the bedroom suites used by George II before his death in 1760. As

the tapestries were stripped in door frame, put on a big tassel, and it worked," said Dr the Georgian Rooms - what had been Queen Caroline's bed-Thurley. room - experts were surprised It was an extraordinary disto notice a knob of brass on the covery, for it revealed as few

door frame and a system of pulothers have in recent years how difficult the Royals of past "We thought, 'This is really weird'," said Dr Simon Thurley, centuries found it to be alone. This was where the King and Queen went to be alone in the

curator of the Historic Royal Palaces. "We lined up the pul-leys and we realised they led down to this strange brass days when taking a bath or going to the lavatory was a ceremonial event attended by the thing."
Mystified as to what the pul-Groom of the Stool. It is the first time the palace

leys were for, the curators conhas announced its discovery. sulted the experts for ideas. But which will be told in full at 8.30pm tonight in One Foot In The Past on BBC2. body mentioned a similar gadget used by Queen Victoria at Osborne House, in the Isle of "This bit of surviving tech-

nology gives one a little window into how the kings and queens who lived at the palace had to struggle to keep themselves private," said Dr Thurley. And apparently it worked. For the record, George and Caroline down to the brass thing on the had eight children.



### Student fined for OJ tape sale

The Oxford Union has fined and suspended a student who recorded OJ Simpson's controversial speech to the society and sold it to national newspa-

student at University College,

was fined £50 for selling a writ-ten transcript of the OJ Simpson debate and helping to sell an audio cassette to TV stations. Mr Philp, a former commit-

tee member of the union and features editor of the student magazine Cherwell, admitted both offences to the union's standing committee.

The union president, Paul Kenward, said: "This shows that the union is not prepared to allow people to record meetings when they are told it is against the rules." The Oxford Union had given Mr Simpson an assurance that there would be no broadcast media at the union debate a fortnight ago...



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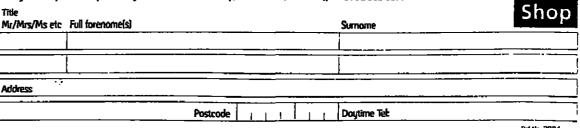
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Head teachers' conference: Blunkett outlines plans to shun 'progressive' education for a return to the traditional methods

# Labour goes back to basics on teaching

Education Correspondent

Primary schools would go back to traditional teaching methods under a Labour government, the party's education spokes-man will tell head teachers

Spelling out a radical reform which will sound more like the Conservative policies of the past than those of Labour, David Blunkett will advocate setting by ability, whole class teaching and the old-fashioned phonics" method of teaching reading. Group work and the idea that children can learn to read simply through contact with books would be frowned. he will say. The National Curriculum would be slimmed down so that children would concentrate on the "3Rs" and

Mr Blunkett will tell the Na-tional Association of Head Teachers' conference in Torquay that schools have gone too far in embracing progressive teaching methods - a view for-



set up a literacy task force

merly held mainly by rightwingers.
As a result, too many children

are leaving primary school unable to read, write and add up. In future schools may have to meet annual targets on pupils' progress.

Giving further details of the plan in an article in today's New Statesman and Society magazine he will say that teachers are not

being taught to teach reading, writing and arithmetic properly, or to maintain discipline.

Teaching needs to be not on one ideological way forward, but on the basis that imaginative chonics does actually deliver etter than leaving children to flounder. Children need to be taught how to read in a formal, constructive manner," he says.

Mr Blunkett will announce the formation of a new task force on literacy, to be chaired hy Professor Michael Barber, of London University's Institute of Education. The group will draw up guidelines on teaching methods which would be issued to schools in the early days of a Labour government.

The Labour Party's aim is for every 11-year-old child to have a reading age at least equal with his or her chronological age within 10 years. It will introduce testing for five year-olds and continuous assessment throughout the primary years in order to achieve targets to be set by

the group.

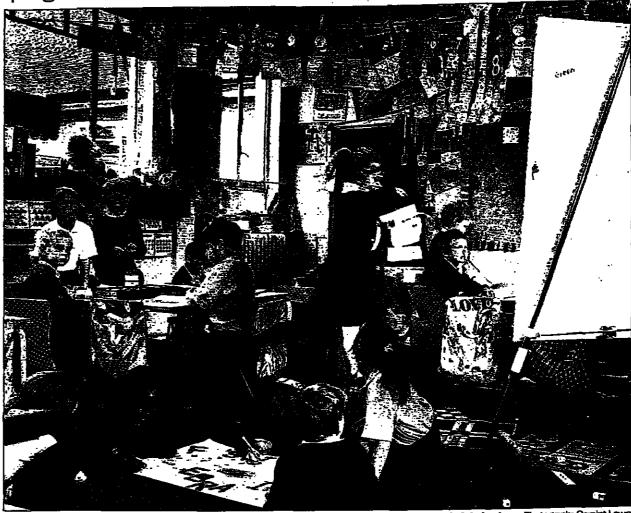
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ignated the "National Year of

Mr Blunkett will praise a scheme already set up by the Labour London borough of Barking and Dagenham, which class methods already common in Switzerland, Germany and the Netherlands. The traditional methods used in the experiment have proved far more successful than more modern ones used in many

schools, he will say. Most primary schools use a mixture of whole class teaching and group work as well as teaching reading both through the traditional phonics approach and by introducing children to books.

David Hart, general secre-tary of the NAHT, said Mr Blunkett's drive must be matched by extra funding. "He is going to have to produce a carrot as well as a stick. If he doesn't, then his message is in grave danger of falling on stony ground," he said.



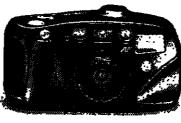
School days: Pupils at work in a London primary school. A new study says class size can affect their behaviour Photograph: Geraint Lews

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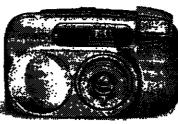
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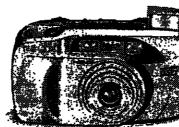
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### Large classes 'are damaging pupils' progress'

#### FRAN ABRAMS

Pupils' progress is being damaged by large classes, according to new research published yes-

terday. The finding contradicts a recent report by the school inspection body, Ofsted, which says the quality of teaching is more important than the number of children in the classroom.

Academics from the University of Nottingham say that smaller classes are needed for all age groups, but Ofsted argues that class size is only

important for infant pupils. The authors of a report commissioned by the National Association of Head Teachers dismissed the inspectors' find-

ings as invalid and unreliable. Ofsted representatives were sent in to schools to look at the evaluations of 200,000 lessons.

class size, they said. The research, led by Professor Christopher Day, said that large classes had an effect on pupils' behaviour and on the ability of schools to improve, as well as on teachers' workload

and stress. Classes of between 15 and 17 pupils led to higher standards and more positive attitudes to learning, particularly among pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds, Professor Day

The professor's report came

as government figures revealed that four out of 10 primary pupils were being taught in classes of more than 30 and that

the numbers were rising. Professor Day said more research was needed into the effects of large classes on chil-

dren in this country. He added: "Rising class size has an effect on the quality of opportunity for learning and it has a potentially damaging effect on the quality of teaching.

"I think there is too much weight given by the government to Ofsted reports which are about evaluating the quality of the school and not about in-vestigating the effects of class

A spokeswoman for Ofsted said its research was reliable, and that it had been based on

confirmed that the effectiveness of teaching has a more significant influence on pupils' achievements than class size alone," she said.

David Hart, general secretary of the NAHT, said that Ofsted should look again at its findings and that ministers should acknowledge that they were flawed.

"Pupils in smaller classes, misbehave less, they participate more, they spend more time on tasks and they interrupt

### Call to shield snail sites from by-pass

#### CHRISTIAN WOLMAR

Pressure increased yesterday on the Government to ensure that the proposed Newbury by-pass does not damage a snail colony, following a recommendation from English Nature to declare part of the site

a nature reserve. At a meeting of its council earlier this month, English Nature, which advises the Government on wildlife matters, decided to recommend the Government to set up a "Special Area for Conservation" to protect two colonies of the tiny Desmoulin's whorl snail. This would mean that the site would be protected from development under European law.

Friends of the Earth says that two of the eight colonies of the snail on the floodplains of the rivers Kennet and Lambourn are affected by the bypass route. The sites were protected when preparatory work was carried out earlier this

year to clear the path of the new road. The Department of the Environment is thought to be looking at ways of ensuring the road can be built without damaging the habitats before making an official announcement about English Nature's recommendation.

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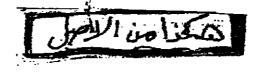
road irrespective of the damage caused to the habitats, by arguing that the construction is of national economic importance. However, Tony Juniper, deputy campaigns director of Friends of the Earth, said that

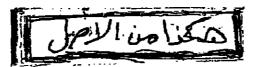
ment could press ahead with the

such a decision would be challenged in the European courts:
"If the Government had carried out a proper environmen-tal impact assessment in the first place, it would not be in this ridiculous position now. The

information now available on the snails should have been collected earlier and heard at the 1988 public inquiry into the









### 'human lemmings' of Everest

The highest point on earth is becoming the site for the lowest common denominator of human behaviour, said the actor Brian Blessed yesterday, after returning from his third unsuccessful attempt on Mount

CHARLES ARTHUR

He bitterly recounted tales of climbers using vacant tents as toilets, stealing the provisions needed by other teams, and act-ing "like human lemmings" in their desire to reach Everest's 29,028-ft summit.

Mr Blessed, 59, said at a press conference in London that the mountain "stank of death". Sixty per cent of the people out there hadn't a clue what they were doing. They had [climbing] permits like taffeta, but no preparation—they were turning with one tent and no [bottled] oxygen, hoping other peo-ple would help them out."

He railed at what he saw as the despoilation of the mountain, first climbed in 1953, which now sees hundreds of attempts

every year - often by inexperi-enced climbers who can afford the \$65,000 (£43,000) "peak fee". "The bodies were everywhere. An Austrian climber said to me, 'I don't accept that it's so dangerous up there'. I said, if you try to go up for four days without oxygen, in two days you will be a block of ice. And

in two days he was." He said that "summit fever" But Mr Blessed's perspective

'Sixty per cent of the people hadn't a

clue . . . the bodies were everywhere'

- the desire to reach the top haviour, but I think Brian Blessed has an over-romantic had overtaken some people's

desire for self-preservation. Mr Blessed also bemoaned plans for a hotel on the northern side of the mountain. "It will have the greatest view on God's earth, and then will come the funicular railways and then pressurised suits so that tourists can go to the top. In the days of Mallory and Irvine, in the 1920s, it used to be a magic place."

of mountaineering behaviour was questioned yesterday by Tom Prentice, editor of Climber magazine. "When Edward Whymper was making the first ascent of the Matterhorn in July 1865, he and his partners threw rocks from the summit at the two Italians who were competing for the first ascent . . ."
"I'm not condoning such be-

view of mountaineering, said Mr

Prentice. The rubbish that gets left behind, the stealing of

things - these are just a reflec-

tion of some of the problems

that happen everywhere in so-

ciety when you get a lot of peo-ple together. That's especially

true in high-altitude moun-

taineering, which is stressful,

both mentally and physically."

Mr Blessed, a climber with 30 years' experience, was making his third attempt to climb the mountain without oxygen. In 1993 he was forced to turn back at 28,200ft. This time he was sent back by the expedition leader at 25,200ft when the weather worsened. "You have to obey the rules of the mountain," he said.

His expedition was being filmed by ITN for a Channel 4 programme to be shown later this year. The British climbers Alan Hinkes and Matt Dickinson, who was also filming the

climb, did reach the top. Mr Prentice said: "I think that for Brian Blessed to complain about tourists is absurd. It's people like him going there and making television programmes, generating publicity, who keep Everest in the forefront of people's minds when they think about mountains.

Mr Blessed claimed that this would be "the last pure film" about Everest, and that any future expedition would find the mountain ruined by visitors.

### **Doctors** alarmed by cut in Aids funding

#### **GLENDA COOPER**

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Cuts in Aids and HIV funding in Britain could lead to a dramatic rise in cases, with the work done in containing the epi-demic lost the British Medical Association warned yesterday.

The Government's decision to impose a 7.7 per cent cut in funding for Aids treatment, care and prevention while caseloads are expected to go up by
5.9 per cent would wreck an
area of the National Health Serarea of the National Health Service which had been "dramatichairman Dr Sandy Macara not think it is possible." Blunderland" thinking.

The cut of £10m comes at a time when new combination drug therapy is being introduced at an estimated cost of £15-20m per year. PACT [the National Association of providers of Aids care and treatment] said the effect would be to undermine the care of patients, create inequality in treatment, reduce the availability of proven therapies and the help given to those at highest risk, such as prostitutes.

Treatment of other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) could also be threatened and more pressure created elsewhere in the health service, for example on doctors treating conditions associated with Aids,

such as pneumonia. Professor Anthony Pinching, chairman of PACT said yesterday: "I think there is a genuine risk that we will lose the con-tainment [of Aids]." He said there were almost 20 million cases of HIV infection worldwide, and the epidemic was

cause her employers refused to

let her return to work on a part-

time basis after the birth of her

Sarah Rolls, 35, of Harpen-den, Herts, resigned from IPC

Magazines when the company

would not let her work on a job-

ported by the Equal Opportu-

nities Commission and was

scttled on the first day of an

industrial tribunal bearing, when IPC agreed to pay £35,000

in an out-of-court settlement.

Ms Rolls said it had been a "long hard slog" to get the set-tlement and added: "I only

Ms Rolls' claim was sup-

share basis.

ad been worked out on the basis that the projected Aids caseload was not as bad as previously estimated. The current projection is that there will be 3,690 cases of people living with Aids by the end of 1996 compared with a previous esti-mate of 4,130, and about the same number with severe HIV

High standards: Brian Blessed after returning from his third failed attempt on Everest

cent. "We are being asked to do cally successful" the BMA's more for less," he said. "We do

epidemiologist and member of PACT, added: "Services are going to have to be cut, compromised or scaled down."

The move would have a "very profound effect" on Britain's ability to control the spread of HIV infection, he warned. He said that in London, where there is a concentration of Aids care, two centres were not replacing staff as a result of the cuts. One had also made redundancies.

But the Department of Health challenged PACIT's figures, in-sisting that according to latest fig-ures numbers of people with Aids and severe HIV infection in England and Wales were projected to fall by 10.6 per cent in 1996, and 8.2 per cent in 1997.

"Our money is given on the basis of projected cases. That is sensible because it means money can be used for other services," a spokesman said. "We have provided £185m for the cost of treatment and care this year plus another £51m for

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Ms Rolls said she had not taken the action for the money. "Long-term financial security far outweighs the short-term financial gain," she said. "It's been the principle. I would have preferred to stay in my

Ms Rolls worked for IPC for six years. She was advertorials manager for Essentials and Woman and Home magazines when she left the company in September 1994. She took maternity leave for the birth of her first child and returned to work full-time. Ms Rolls took maternity leave for her second child but decided she could not combine full-time work with her role as a mother of two and asked to return to work on a part-time,

Kamlesh Bahl, chairwoman of the Equal Opportunities Commission, said high-quality part-time work was the best way for many women to combine a career with motherhood.

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She added: "The commission would like part-time and jobsharing to be made more accessible to women and men in management and senior posts."

# Pluggers fall to bottom of pop chart

ements in the history of pop music - the record plugger- is to lose the automatic right of access to presenters and producers on BBC's Radio I.

The station is to move in August from the headquarters it has occupied since its birth in 1967. And the BBC is using the move from Egton House in Langham Street, London, to nearby Yaldon House to "change the culture" of the station. The biggest change will be ending the informal daily risits of record pluggers.

The pluggers are easily spotted. Some wear record company promotional baseball jackets; all wear the regulation T-shirt, pullover and jeans. And all beam with well-practised con-

They gather for morning coffee in the reception area at Egton House, Radio I's headquarters opposite Broadcasting House. They carry the essential tools of the trade: a mobile phone, a box of soon-to-bereleased CD singles, and a pair of "these-are-gold-dust-believe-me" tickets for an upcoming

They compare notes, practise their persuasiveness on the receptionist, long-accustomed to being Miss Moneypenny to the record-plugging 007s, then saunter down the corridors to chat to their favourite DJ, or, more usefully, his producer.

Not all gain entry. Ask any plugger who the two most important people are in his life, and he will reply: "Clare and Gerald." Clare is the receptionist at Radio 1, Gerald the security guard. Get on the wrong side of them and you're back out on the Langham Street

If pluggers succeed, howev-

One of the most influential el
Name of the most influential elRadio 1 playlist. To push their artist on to this list is the objective of every plugger.

But the successful plugger knows there are other routes to success. Gareth Davies, one of the most respected members of his profession, learned that one of his clients, Michael Nyman, the pianist and composer, has a love of football. Today, Nyman will be interviewed on a Radio 1 chat show about his hobby and about his new album.

Britain has never seen the "payola" scandals that some pluggers in cahoots with broadcasters inflicted on American radio in the Fifties, but even at its most wholesome the relationship between plugger, producer and presenter has tended to revolve around perks.

Mr Davies, however, says the days of buying costly meals for producers are long gone. At Radio 1 they don't necessarily agree. A spokeswoman said: [Pluggers] tend to hand out concert tickets with a chauffeurdriven car to take you there and

Radio 1's new building will have two offices set aside for iggers to meet producers or DJs. But the present liberal system will disappear. Appoint-ments will have to be made and authorised.

Trevor Dann, Radio 1 head of production, said: "I don't personally see pluggers at all because, simply, there are so many I haven't got time. You have to have a contact ... Goal-hanging around Egton House is a crazy way of doing it.

Crazy or not, the pluggers may not be the only ones to be unsettled by the wind of change. Radio I's managing editor Andy Parfitt said: "We are using the move to do a lot of things If pluggers succeed, however, they will meet with a the culture of the station."



Modern masters set to sell for £30m as Sotheby's prepares for the art sale of the decade



Artist's impression: Philip Hook, an expert in Impressionist and modern art, shows off paintings by Picasso, Miro and Chagali, whose works are among the 392 paintings and sculptures to be sold by Sotheby's on 24 and 25 June; the auction house expects the sale to be its most successful for six years

Photograph: Nicholas Turpin

### Hidden letters shed light on the lady of the lamp

MARIANNE MACDONALD Arts Correspondent

An extraordinary cache of letters which reveal the clearsighted and lively girl who became famous as Florence Nightingale, heroine of the Crimea, has emerged following the death of a distant relative. Previously unpublished, the

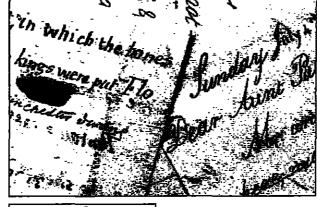
letters from the family archive include several written by Florence when she was as young as of court cases and illnesses but show little hint of the vocation she would develop in later life.

One, written to her Aunt Patty when Florence was aged six or seven, gives a wide-eyed but unsentimental account of seeing a man sentenced to transportation in 1827 - a penalty likely to result in his death.

"We have been twice to court, and once to the theatre for the first time at Winchester." it says, "In mr Borough's court, the criminal's court, we heard Snelgrove's trial, the man who lives at the farm. He has stolen beans of mr Eastled, of whom he is the servant, he was transported for 4 years. We also went to the cathedral ...

The letter, estimated at up to £3,000, continues: "Mr Brent is dead, and poor Maria is in great grief, and very ill. There are such a quantity [sic] of apples, currants and raspberries

Florence does, however, reveal an ability to detect malingerers which must have stood her in good stead as a nurse. "Sir Charles Ibbetson has been here with his daughter Laura, aged bered to Miss Heath... Aunt





Above: One of the cache of letters written by the young Florence Nightingale (left) which form part of the Clough Nightingale archive to be auctioned next month. Total estimate is £120,000 to £150,000

5, and his son Frederick, aged 7, and their governess, Miss Salishury," she confides to her Aunt Patty. "Laura's ancles are so weak, that she is not allowed to walk about, though she can."

Florence's precision of character is also evident in a letter, estimated at up to £3,000, to her cousin Hilary Bonham Carter. "Miss Christie (who perhaps you do not know) sends her love, & deisres [sic] to be remem-

Patty says, that if she had not been ill, she would have written

to you, for she loves you very

much... Miss Christie says that

Miss Heath is your governess, but I say that Aunt Patty is. ..." Later letters come from Florence in the Crimea. One estimated at up to £600, asks a relation to tell a Reverend Mother that "poor Sister Winifred died on Saturday of Cholera after a few hours at the general hospital here - that

### National to stage a Sunday epic DAVID LISTER everything was done that could be done. "Revd Mother can

The National Theatre in London is to open on Sundays for the first time in its history when it presents a 7-and-a-half hour production by the Canadian director Robert Lepage.

The marathon performances of Seven Streams of the River Ota, conceived by Lepage, will take place on Saturdays and Sundays, starting this autumn. The performances of the

epic fable, chronicling the 50 of the Clough Nightingale years since the Hiroshima bomb and combining the horrors of signed to Phillips for auction on the bomb with the Holocaust and Aids, will start at 3pm and include a one-hour break. It will The sale follows the death of be the second longest play stagits owner, Katherine Duff, who ed at the National; the record belongs to Illuminatas in 1977.

was related to Florence, and the This autumn's programme, announced yesterday, sees the return of former National Theatre director Sir Peter Hall, directing his first plays at the theatre since he left in 1988. Sir Peter will direct Alan Howard in Ranjit Bolt's new translation of Sophocles' Oedipus Plays. Before playing at the National, the Oedipus Plays will be staged in

the ancient theatre at Epidaurus, the theatre on which the National's Olivier auditorium is based, and where Oedipus Rex was originally performed more than two thousand years ago.

This September also sees the world première at the National of Blinded by the Sun by the award-winning writer Stephen Poliakoff, a play which revolves round a scientific fraud at a British university.

As a première of a different kind, the National's new-season plans will give theatregoers the chance to meet performers. In July and August theatregoers will be able to take tea and scones at the National's Terrace Café with Anna Massey, Dame Judi Dench. Patricia Hodge. Isabelle Huppert, Sian Phillips and Joanna Riding.

One of the theatre's biggest recent successes, Dealer's Choice by Patrick Marber, has been selected to go on a five month international tour. Marber will again direct his own play, a hard-hitting comedy about poker playing and the dreams and obsessions of compulsive gamblers.

#### DAILY POEM

Catacomb

By Christopher Middleton

I only want to hear the wind in the sycamore, To such a height it grew in the garden Of that hotel, crumbled long ago. I only want to see under the door the thin Triangle of light from a lamp that shone Day and night, in the passage, burnishing the walls; Cool they were to touch, with an odd slant, inward,

Though I call out your pretty names. l am afraid you have begun to forget me. Crooked creatures now, propped against

And the creak The window made when the wind blew, Open window, that I want to hear.

And to think any thought whatsoever; Time just enough to imagine it was I who said: All your theologies, all, are fragments From Aphrodite's shattered mirror.

Christopher Middleton was born in 1926 in Truro, Cornwall. He read French and German at Oxford and subsequently taught at the universities of London and Zurich, emigrating in 1965 to the United States. An outstanding translator of German prose and poetry, his own first collection *Torse 3: Poems 1949-61* was published in 1962 and was awarded the Geoffrey Faber Memorial Prize. Intimate Chronicles, in which this poem appears, is published today by Carcanet at £8,95.

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### British stars fail to top Hollywood bill

MARIANNE MACDONALD

British film stars have lost their clout in Hollwood. Not one fig-ures in this year's annual ranking of Hollywood's 25 most powerful actors and actresses, while only one English director makes the film-maker's list.

Last year Daniel Day Lewis and Scan Connery were among the top 25 actors listed in Pre-miere magazine, but this year they are conspicuous by their absence - as are Emma Thompson, Jeremy Irons, Jack Nicholson and Hugh Grant.

In first place is Tom Hanks - (down from 12th last year). "whatever he does, the world loves" - for hits including Toy Story and Apollo 13. Second is Tom Cruise for Interview With The Vampire and Mission: Impossible and third place goes to Jim Carrey for "turning piffle like Ace Ventura: When Nature

Calls into massive blockbusters". The list continues with Mel Gibson, Kevin Costner, Robin Williams, Brad Pitt, Harrison Ford, Clint Eastwood and Arnold Schwarzenegger. Women make their first appearance man and Tim Roth, not to at number 15 with Julia Roberts mention Kenneth Branagh.

John Travolta - unranked last year - is at number 16 and the next three places go to Demi Moore, Jodie Foster and Sandra Bullock, also a newcomer.

Clearly the British are not coming. Nowhere to be seen is Hugh Grant. Emma Thompson... his co-star in Sense and Sensibility, also fails the grade despite a clutch of Oscars. There is also disappointment for Ralph Fiennes, tipped for

The 20-strong directors list is little better. Adrian Lyne, di-rector of 91n Weeks, squeezes in at number eight. Steven Spielberg continues to rule the roost at number one, while Quentin Tarantino is placed 15th.

guess what pain this has given

me, because I cannot pretend to say that, when a Superior

chooses to bring thirteen wom-en, where there is only room

and occupation for not more

than four, against all authority

and advice but that of one RC

priest, we consider such a death

ensuing as a matyrdom but

[rather] as a useless sacrifice."

archive, which has been con-

13 June with a total estimate of

great-niece of Arthur Hugh Clough, the Victorian poet who

died in Florence in 1861. Scholars of Clough will be in-

trigued to learn that many of the

family papers are unpublished

and apparently unknown. They

include Clough's divinity and history schoolbooks from Rug-

by, originals of the poems he

wrote for the 1840 Oxford Uni-

versity Newdigate Prize and letters of reminiscence written by friends following his death.

Clough showed enormous

promise as a schoolboy and

young man, but was tormented

by religious doubt. He ended as his cousin-in-law's secretary and factotum - a job which Lyt-

ton Strachey disdainfully de-scribed in Eminent Victorians as

"doing up brown paper for Florence Nightingale". Clough fi-nally found fame as a poet

after his death - even though many blamed Florence for

working him into an early grave.

£120,000 to £150,000.

The letters form a small part

Matt Mueller, editor of the UK edition of Premiere, said yesterday that the ranking was done by the American edition of the magazine on the basis of box office takings, ability to en-sure a film had a big opening Hollywood stardom, Gary Oldweekend in the United States and the ability to get a film

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# Peres in danger as right rides to polls on a high

PATRICK COCKBURN

Supporters of Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, were on edge yesterday as Israel went to the polls. "I am not sure. but I'm hoping," said Shlomi Moyal, his car plastered with blue-and-white stickers in support of Mr Peres, as he delivered voters to a polling station in Jerusalem.

He did not look confident.

Cars, placards and stickers supporting Likud, or the rightwing and religious parties, are far more common than those in favour of Labour. "If we do not go forward we will go back," Mr Moyal said. "We will go back to the situation before Oslo." In other words, to the beginning of

the peace process, The Labour government has every reason to feel nervous. Overnight polis said Mr Peres had only a 2 to 3 per cent lead over Binyamin "Bibi" Netanyahu, the right-wing candidate. From early morning there were signs that the ultra-Orthodox were voting in large numbers. Cars were plastered with pictures of famous rabbis.

This is bad news for Mr Peres, although Jerusalem is a right-wing and religious city whose inhabitants are not typical of the other 4 million Israeli voters, most of whom live on the coastal plain. Nevertheless, in a tight race they may be

Mr Moyal, who looks after backward children, sounded beleaguered. He said: "For us lsraelis it's very dangerous because I want the peace process to continue and I am afraid it might stop." At this point Mr Moyal's mobile phone rang and, after a brief conversation, he explained: "That was my brother. He supports Bibi and says he is going to win."
In the ultra-Orthodox strong-

hold of Mea She'arim, in the and Mr Netanyahu.



Peres (above) and his rightwing rival Netanyahu during polling yesterday

of the Israeli election: ultra-

Orthodox, Russian immigrants

cause the election is so evenly

balanced between Mr Peres

Aviv six months ago. In the the last few weeks there have been signs that Mr Netanyahu has been making converts. "I am for Bibi because I think Peres is giving the country away," said a shop assistant in a non-kosher delicatessen. But he added that "my boss is for Peres, because he is worried that the ultra-Orthodox may take over Jerusalem and close down his shop."

Going by previous elections, Labour will draw its support primarily from Ashkenazim - Jews

who were born or whose fathers

were born in Europe or Amer-

ica. In the last election in 1992

half Labour voters were Ashke-nazim, a third Sephardim (from Asia and Africa) and the rest

were second-generation Is-

raelis. Likud draws two-thirds

of its votes from the Sephardim.

Mr Netanyahu has tried to fight the election on "terror"

and his recipe to end it. Labour

tried to fight on the issues of

"character", saying that Mr Ne-

tanyahu was not up to running

Israel. It only intermittently

capitalised on the assassination of its last leader. Yitzhak Rabin, at a peace rally in Tel

The last-minute surge of supheart of Jerusalem, there was port for Mr Netanyahu by inintense interest in the election. fluential rabbis has outraged the A taxi hired by one of the religovernment. Fouad Ben Eliezgious parties to bring voters to er, the Housing Minister, said he had told the directorthe polls carried a huge poster saying: "Only Netanyahn is good for the Jews." This was degeneral of his ministry "to cease immediately all the construction nounced by Labour as a racist work planned for the ultraattack on İsraeli-Arabs. Haim Orthodox". In the last six Ramon, Labour's campaign months Mr Peres has tried to keep the ultra-Orthodox neutral. manager, warned them that if Mr Netanyahu won, "you will Interviewed just before the once again live as second-class

polls opened, Mr Peres said if he won he would continue negotiations with the Palestinians. For weeks, Israeli politicians see if progress was possible have focused on the wild cards with Syria and try to establish diplomatic relations with another Arab country. Mr Peres and Israeli Arabs. This is bealso said he wanted "to begin co-operation with the US in the war on terror".



A religious Jew trudging through election propaganda in Jerusalem

#### SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

Seven years after the massacre in Tianammen Square, a handful of brave individuals are still willing to try to stand up to the might of the Chinese government. But they still come up against the intolerance of a government which permits no dissent. Yesterday, it emerged that seven activists from Zhejiang, one of China's rich eastern provinces, had sent a petition to the National People's Congress demanding freedom for political prisoners and political reforms, including freedom of speech, and also seeking a complete accounting and investigation of the massacre.

Those who signed the open letter had all been imprisoned after June 1989, and later released. They included Wang Donghai, 45, a department store manager. The petition was dated 27 May; according to relatives, public security officers came to the family's house just one day later and Mr Wang is now in police custody. According to the South China Morning Post, a second cetition has been signed by 31 relatives of poorle killed in petition has been signed by 31 relatives of people killed in the 1989 massacre, Teresa Poole - Peking

Poris Yeltsin's office has unveiled a draft plan for power-sharing in Chechnya, offering it the status of a "sovereign state" within the Russian Federation. It follows his triumphant pre-election initiative in which he invited the Chechen leader, Zelimkhan Yandarbiyev, to Moscow, secured a ceasefire agreement from him, then flew to the republic for a visit in which he declared that Russia had won the war - while Mr Yandarbiyev remained in Moscow.

The proposed settlement, drafted by a presidential commission into the Chechen conflict, is similar to an agreement between Moscow and Tartarstan in 1994. Chechnya would have its own constitution, laws, taxes, control over some natural resources, and - possibly - an economic free zone. Control over weapons production, defence and foreign affairs would remain with Moscow. It has yet to be signed. Phil Reeves - Mascow

Thanks to a split in the conservative vote, the leftof-centre New Democratic Party squeaked to victory in British Columbia's legislative elections, bucking a trend of triumphs for hudget-slashers elsewhere. Glen Clark, a former union organiser, was elected premier of Canada's most prosperous province even though his party received only 39 per cent of the vote in Tuesday's election. The New Democrats govern only two of the ten provinces - British Columbia and Saskatchewan. The Liberal Party got 42 per cent, but won only 33 seats in the 75-seat legislature, compared with 39 seats for the New Democratic Party. The right-wing Reform Party won two scats. AP - Vancouver

Damzi Yousef went on trial in Manhattan yesterday.

Laccused of plotting to blow up as many as 11 American airliners on a single day as part of a campaign to punish the United States for its support of Israel. Mr Yousel, who received an electronics engineering degree from a South Wales college in 1989, had topped the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Most Wanted list of international criminals when he was arrested in Pakistan in February 1995 and extradited to the US. He is also believed to have been the mastermind behind the 1993 World Trade Center bombing which killed six people and injured a thousand others.

David Usborne - New York

A teenager whose charity-funded hunting trip angered animal-rights activists failed to bag a bear in Alaska, a leader of the Make-A-Wish Foundation said. The chapter granted a \$4,000 (£2,650) Alaskan hunting trip to Erik Ness, 17, who had a brain tumour removed last autumn. The hunting part of the trip ended at the weekend, and he is fishing and sightseeing with his family, Karla Blomberg, president of the Minnesota chapter, said. AP – Minnesota



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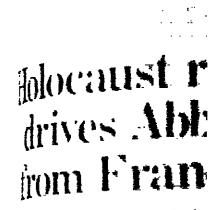
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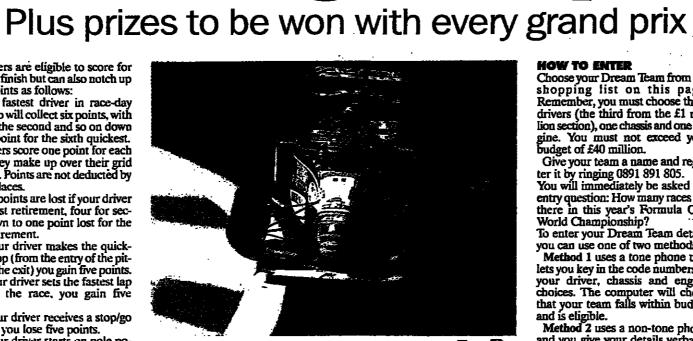
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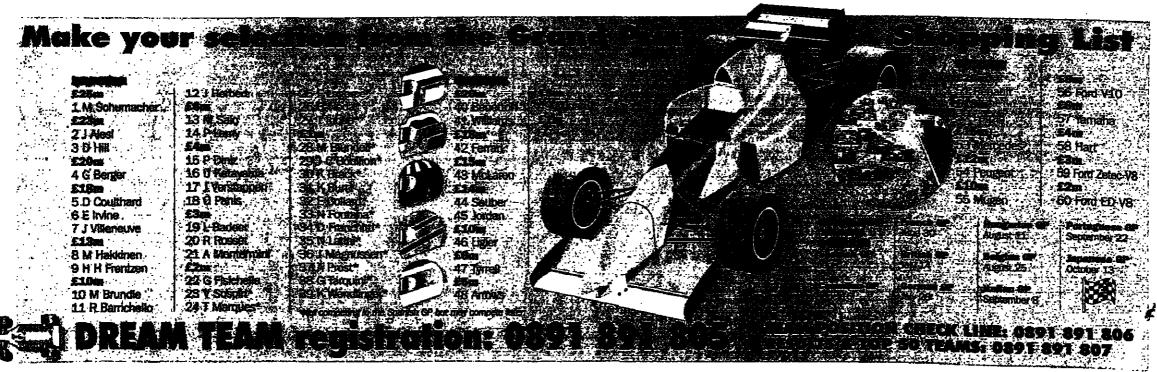
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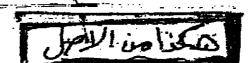
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## \*Whitewater may spell end to Clinton's luck

RUPERT CORNWELL

If politics is about luck, then this week's Whitewater convictions in Arkansas may go down as an election year watershed, the moment Bill Clinton's long winning streak ended. A period when seemingly nothing could go wrong is over. Five months before the November poll, the

White House is again under legal threat and political siege. For all the protestations that he was not involved in the events which led to the fraud convictions of Jim and Susan McDougal and the current gov-ernor of Arkansas, and that neither he or his wife Hillary has been charged over their past financial dealings, the former must most concern the Presi-

dent in the longer run. The two-year investigation by the Whitewater special prosecutor Kenneth Starr has gained a new lease of life, while in three weeks a second Whitewater case goes to court in Little Rock, involving two local bankers accused of improperly channelling money to Mr Clin-

ton's 1990 campaign to become governor. Once more, the President may be asked to testify.

More ominous, perhaps, the American legal system takes few prisoners. While acquittal of the McDougals and Mr Jim Guy Tucker was still possible, others compromised in the case may have preferred to stay silent. Now, they may conclude that their best chance of avoiding a lengthy jail term is to co-operate with Mr Starr and incriminate others. This could be the calculation of Mr Tucker, who resigned as governor

after the verdicts were read.

In the shorter political term, the verdicts spell only trouble for the Clintons - reinforcing the dynamic of what has been shaping up as a particularly nasty election campaign. All along, the problem for the Re-publicans and Bob Dole, the party's presumptive nominee, has been to find a way of con-vincing voters not to hand Mr Clinton a second term. Thus far they have had precious few openings; the economy is growing at a decent clip, inflation is under control, foreign policy

mishaps have been avoided. and the President has co-opted popular Republican policies.

Above all, after mistakes that led to the 1994 mid-term election disaster, he has finally given the impression of getting the hang of the job. His opponents therefore have to go after Mr Clinton on the "character" issues of Whitewater, alleged philandering and the Vietnam draft, controversies that have dogged him since 1992.
The latest developments of-

fer a truckload of new ammunition. As his aides ceaselessly point out, Mr Clinton was not involved. But a court of law has now found that Mr Tucker, his successor as governor of Arkansas, and the McDougals, his former business cronies, were crook. New Congressional scrutiny of Whitewater and other unflattering episodes involving the Clintons, such as the sacking of the White House travel office staff in 1993, is inevitable.Mr Dole himself is taking the high road, refusing to cast judgement. Not so his henchmen, most notably Alfonse D'Amato, the combative

New York Republican who chairs the Senate Banking Committee.

The committee had been due to wrap up its 18-month long Whitewater probe next month, but Republicans will almost certainly seek to extend it. The convictions showed "the depth of the Whitewater tragedy", Senator D'Amato said yesterday on ABC's Good

Morning America programme. Small comfort for the White House were the words of jurors after the trial, variously describing the President's videotaped testimony as "magnificent" and asserting that there were no grounds to pur-

sue investigation of the Clintons. There are few illusions about Republican tactics. "Everything, including the kitchen sink will be thrown at us," said Mrs Clinton, who in January acquired the unwanted distinction of becoming the only First Lady to be subpoenaed to testify before a grand jury after the mysterious disappearance and rediscovery of key Whitewater documents in the White House private quarters.



Under siege: President Clinton is pressed by reporters over Tuesday's Whitewater guilty verdicts

### Holocaust row drives Abbé from France

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ATTEMS TOUR SCOR

The French may never again see the man who was voted the most popular personality in the country last year. The 83-year-old priest, Abbé Pierre, has taken up refuge in an Italian monastery following a scandal about his support for the revisionist writing of his philosopher friend Roger Garandy, and is

threatening never to return. Yesterday it was revealed that he had left France for the Benedictine monastery of Praglia, near Padua, at the beginning of the month. "The at-With 2,000 people living on the tacks of which I have been the streets of Paris in sub-zero temtarget have been beyond mea- -sure," he said. "I have greatly suffered and at my age I cannot exclude the fact that I may end

my days here." The controversy flared up in April after the publication of Garaudy's Mythes Fondateurs de la Politique Israelienne (Founding myths of Israeli politics). In this book, the 82-year-old for-mer communist and convert to Islam questioned the existence of the Holocaust, saying that "until now we have only been given... false and arbitrary figures about the number of Jews killed". He also called the Diary of Anne Frank "a myth disguised as history".

When two associations of exdeportees brought proceedings against Garaudy, he asked Abbé Pierre, his friend of 40 years, to intervene. Without even reading the book Abbé Pierre praised the "exceptional erudition" of the philosopher "who seeks for the truth in the face of undeniable deformations of reality".

The statement caused outrage and was seen as a serious

scribed by the French news magazine L'Express as a life of "such biblical perfection". Indeed Abbé Pierre has been a national hero for more than 40

Born Henry Grouès, the priest had helped Jews and resistance workers to escape during the war. At the beginning of the Fifties he founded an association for the homeless, Emmaüs, and has remained at its head ever since.

His fame comes from his now legendary radio declaration peratures, he called for the nation's help and was met with an

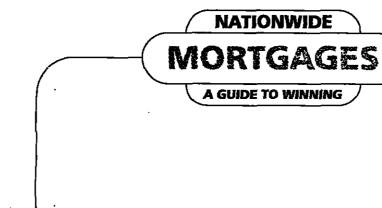
overwhelming response.

He has failed to retract his comments, declaring that "to assimilate the work of the researcher and historian Garaudy with revisionism would be wrong". Even when he eventually condemned those "who in whichever way deny, falsify or reduce the importance of Shoah", he refused to withdraw his support for Garaudy.

Attacks against him came from all sides. His colleagues at Emmaüs condemned his views. The French Catholic Church was also keen to distance itself from its views calling his standpoint "immoral". The grand rabbi, Joseph Sitruk, and the president of the Jewish Consistory of France, Jean Kahn, declared that: "His continued support for Roger Garaudy is unacceptable

And he was ousted from the International League against Racism and Anti Censorship of which he had been a member for

over 20 years.



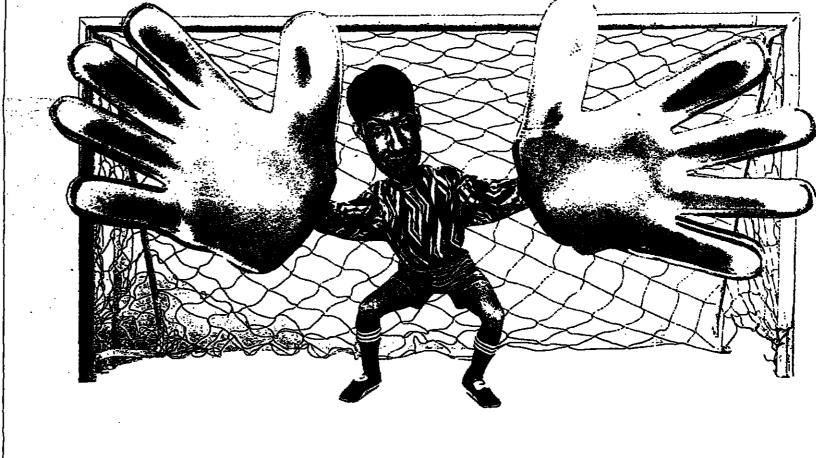


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## Fear and fury after Albania's sham election

Despite the violence, there has been little international protest, Andrew Gumbel reports

A large crowd was jostling and gesticulating in the foyer of the Socialist Party headquarters in Tirana, "Sali Berisha - Saddam." said one man pushing forward for attention. "Berisha, Pinochet!" said another, a little more forcefully, waving newspaper photographs of the injuries police inflicted on antigovernment demonstrators in the city's main square on Tues-"Berisha, Adolf Hitler!" said a third.

The epithets heaped on the Albanian president may have been exaggerated, but the anger and frustration were genuine. Three days after a general elec-tion which Mr Berisha's Democratic Party rigged to give itself a crushing victory, the Socialist Party headquarters has come under virtual siege.

On Tuesday, uniformed police formed a human barricade around the building, letting nobody in - or out - and smashing a large pane of glass in the entrance. Yesterday, the uniforms were gone, but in their place were sinisterlooking men with guns eyeing passers-by and occasionally stopping them to search their bags and check documents.

The city as a whole has been gripped by an unnerving sense of calm underscored by the lurking menace of violence. In the early hours of yesterday, a 24-year-old Socialist Party worker called Eduard Kullolli was found shot dead in central Tirana. According to party spokesmen, he was followed home from the headquarters and then shot in the back by a bearded man, speaking with a

Other partially confirmed

reports speak of at least one other death and several beatings. According to the opposition, thousands of uniformed and plainclothes police - some of them convicted criminals spe-cially released to cause trouble - have been drafted from Mr

Fifty per cent of the police force are ordinary criminals," declared Arta Dade, who was a Socialist candidate in the elections. "At least 200 of our supporters have been arrested in the last two days."

Victims of the violence and their families are afraid to come forward, preferring to treat inister at a hospital where they can he traced. At least one man was taken into police custody yesterday merely because he took a friend into a state clinic.

Meanwhile, the Socialist party chief for Tirana, Musa Ulcini, was nursing a broken wrist mocratic Alliance, Arben Imami, was recovering from a beating that cost him three teeth, broke his jaw and left him with multiple body wounds.

Although the intimidation has spread, the international community has been slow in responding to the widespread vote-rigging denounced by international election observers and the ensuing police brutality against the opposition. Yesterday, the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe issued its much-leaked, critical report on the election, two days later than anticipated and in Vienna, not Tirana. Some European political par-

ties, notably the senior party in Italy's new centre-left coalition, the PDS, have issued statements condemning the electoral fraud. But European government officials, many of whom have been ardent Berisha supporters up to now, remain cautious. Britain said it "regretted" the withdrawal of the opposition parties and called vaguely for an "accommodation" between the

The opposition says it will hold demonstrations around the country in an attempt to bring disillusioned and cheated voters on to the street. It also wants sworn affidavits from citizens declaring which way they voted in order to challenge the official electoral lists.

"If we can't enter parliament we must establish a parliament of the people else-where," said Prec Zogaj, of the Democratic Alliance. He and others also called for new elections in the next few months and appealed to the international community to ensure fair play.

It is by no means certain, however, that the opposition's anger can translate into either broad popular protest or international intervention. Most Albanians, displaying a fatalism borne out of 50 years of Stalinist dictatorship, seem too scared to take part in public rallies. As for the international community, it seems unlikely to press for anything more radical than "crossparty dialogue", in the words of one European diplomat.

Quite what form that dialogue should take, when Albania looks to be headed back towards a one-party system, is something the diplomats have yet to explain.



Bitter protest: Skender Gjinushi, the Social Democratic Party leader, is surrounded by plain-

### welching w Croatia gets cold shoulder for human rights abuses

TONY BARBER

Parliamentarians from across Europe warned Croatia yesterday that it must clean up its record on democracy and human rights if it wants to join the Council of Europe, the continent's leading organisation for promoting political and civil lib-erties. The council's parliamentary assembly, grouping representatives from 39 countries, passed a resolution that criticised Croatia's right-wing nationalist government for taking repressive measures against the media and for not co-operating with the United Nations war crimes tribunal for

former Yugoslavia.
The assembly's action was a slap in the face for Croatia, which has sought membership of the Council of Europe as a way of establishing its credentials as a properly functioning democracy. Since 1990, most former communist countries in central and eastern Europe have been admitted to the council.

The resolution on Croatia was adopted unanimously by a standing committee which has the power to speak for the parliamentary assembly. There was no doubt that the tough language reflected a swing of the European mood against Croatia over the past month.

The full assembly voted by a substantial majority on 24 April to invite Croatia to join the council, but only a few days later the Croatian government closed down one opposition newspaper, Panorama, and brought charges against jour-nalists working for another. The parliamentarians were also disturbed by the Croatian government's dissolution of the had voted to install an opposition politician as mayor.

Finally, the UN tribunal in The Hague pointed out that Croats and Bosnian Croats indicted for war crimes were still at large, and that no proceedings had started against Croats alleged to have committed crimes during the recapture of rebel Serb-held areas last August. The conclusion reached by the parliamentarians was that Croatia was reneging on the in order to win acceptance of its bid for council membership.

A Croatian delegate, Zarko Domljan, told the parliamentarians yesterday that he accepted their criticisms, but added: "I have the feeling that sometimes Croatia is looked at too rigorously, more rigorously than other countries.

He observed: "Believe me Croatia is a democracy. We lived for 70 years in Yugoslavia and 45 years under communist and we know very well the di ferences between the communist regime and the regime

today in Croatia."
However, many at the Council clearly felt their organisation would lose credibility if they failed to give Croatia a public warning. We have to react if the commitments are not fulfilled," said René van der Linden, a Dutch member who compiled a critical report on recent events in Croatia.

Diplomats said Britain, France. The Netherlands and Nordic countries were particularly concerned about endorsing the assembly's invitation to Croatia to join. In contrast, Germany and Austria have been keen to send encouraging signals prove its performance. Russia, which joined the council early of Croatia. This appears to reflect pro-Serbian sympathies among Russian politicians.



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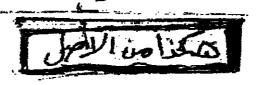
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# Super-cities threaten to swallow humanity Population Bying in urban areas

# Developing world hosts explosive urban growth

The entire globe is following the 19th century European and American example and pouring into cities, with implications that could be either benign or calamitous.

Within 10 years the majority of the people of the world will be living in urban conglomera-tions, the United Nations reported yesterday. Almost all the urban growth will come in the developing world, which is spawning large cities at the rate of 10 a year.

In 1950 the world had 83 cities with populations of 1,000,000 or more (about the size of Birmingham or Glasgow). Today there are 280. By 2015 there will

be more than 500. By the year 2015, 12 of the world's 15 largest cities will be in Asia; only one - New York - will be in North America; none will be in Europe.

In 1950, only one city – New York - had a population of more than 10 million. Now there are 14, of which only four are in the developed world. Early in the next century, only one European city - greater Paris - will be in the world's top 30. Lagos will be the third largest city in the world.

From Ancient Rome to 19th century New York or Manchester, cities have always been ambiguous institutions. They have been sinks of crime, depravity, oppression, poverty and suffering. But they have also been crucibles of personal enrichment, civilisation, culture and political rights. The UN says the vast urbanisation in progress has, similarly, a potential for immense social progress and economic advance and a capacity for disaster and human degradation on an unimaginable scale.

The UN report on the State of World Population was published to coincide with the opening of the Habitat II conference ban explosion. in Istanbul today, Representa-

tives from the world's nations many risks for the physical environment and natural report's findings and steer development programmes towards urban education and health projects, especially for women, to improve the upward mobiliy of shanty-town dwellers. The UN Secretary-General, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, will also call for efforts to control the "inevitable" march of the city. The UN is pushing for the development of a large number of manageable, medium-sized cities rather than a few, uncontrollable

Another UN agency, the International Labour Organisation (ILO) - is calling for redoubled efforts by wealthy

'Cities can promote health or cause disease: empower people or impose on them a struggle

countries and poor countries alike to create jobs for the urban poor. Otherwise, it warns, the armies of city dwellers living in poverty will exceed 1 billion by the end of the century.

for survival'

"By 2000, one half of humanity will be living and working in cities, with developing countries accounting for the major share of the world's new urban population," said ILO deputy director, Katherine Hagen. These people will need jobs if the new cities are to develop as centres of economic opportunity and civilisation rather than zones of inequality and misery."

The main report, by the UN Population Fund, stresses the potential benefits, as well as the menaces, presented by the ur-

"The urban future carries to decide."

sources, for social cohesion and for individual rights but it also offers vast opportunities. The experience of large cities as concentrations of human creativity and the highest forms of social organisation suggests that the future will open new avenues for human development."

"Cities provide capital, labour and markets for entrepreneurs and innovators at all levels of economic activity. Cities already account for 60 to 80 per cent of the gross national product of many developing countries."

Three factors explain the

rapid growth of city populations, the report says. There is the migration into town of impover-ished country-dwellers. There is a colonisation of outlying villages by urban conglomerations. But the largest factor is the population explosion among slumdwelling citizens themselves. Despite the appallingly un-healthy conditions endured by people in the slums of places such as Lagos and Kinshasa, the urban birth rate invariably outpaces the death rate.

The report does point to hopeful signs in some Third World cities. One example is Bombay where progress has been made in replacing squat-ter homes with new dwellings.

At the other end of the scale, there are - especially in Africa - almost wholly dysfunctional cities, which have become nightmarish agglomerations of insanitary homes, ruined roads, abandoned services and crime. "Increasing urbanisation has

the potential for improving human life or increasing human misery," the report says, "Cities can ... promote health or cause disease; empower people to realise their needs and desires or impose on them a simple struggle for basic survival. Which of these represents the urban future is a matter for us



Entre world Less-developed regions More developed regions Some cities are dysfunctional, nightmarish agglomera tions of insanitary

### Human tide sweeps daily into India's slums

New Delhi brings a new wave of migrants to this mega-city of more than 10 million people. My bureau is on the main road leading away from Nizamuddin station, and amidst the cyclerickshaws whizzing by, the saffron-robed pilgrims, schoolboys, and businessmen with cheap briefcases, I can easily spot the

It is their dazed, disoriented look that gives these migrants away, as they wander up my road. They carry few possessions - cooking gear and a few blankets – and have many children. Few can read and often they will are probably more than they

newcomers.

New Delhi — Every train that pulls into Nizamuddin station in where an address is, one where an address is, one

scrawled on a note. That address is their only hope, their only connection in this teeming city to a relative, perhaps, or a fellow villager, who can offer shelter and a job. If they are Muslim (as many are, since they come from neighbouring Bangladesh) they are usually directed across the fourlane Mathura Road to the shrine of a sufi saint, Hazrat Nizamuddin. There, in the alleys, beside the free kitchens, they squat with their children. waiting for rice and lentils ladled out of giant vats. These scraps

ate back in their villages. At night, they sleep on the

narrow verge in Mathura Road. Some earn a few rupees begging at the traffic lights, others root through rubbish heaps alongside pigs and stray dogs. The stronger migrants may get jobs as market porters, rick-

shaw-cyclists or set up a roadside stall selling cracked coconuts or a sliced cucumber with masala. Their wives or daughters may work as servants or on a construction site, balancing 12 bricks on their head as they climb rickety bamboo scaffolds for one of the new gleaming offices built to house multi-national companies.

Some pavement-dwellers Delhi is cursed with power may graduate to a sium hut. roofed with plastic sheeting and held down with branches and broken bicycle wheels.

A one-room slum hut next to the nahalla, the foetid, drainage canal which runs past the cremation pyres near Nizamuddin. costs about 500 rupees rent a month, usually paid to the

local gangsters. The slums around my place usually have electricity, illegal of course. Every electricity post is rigged with hundreds of wires leading down into the slum dwellings, and because of this illegal tapping (local garment shops and factories also do it)

black-outs. Twice a day, for up to six hours at a time, in 111 degree heat, my electricity goes. The poor suffer, while the rich in New Delhi crank up their noisy generators to charge their

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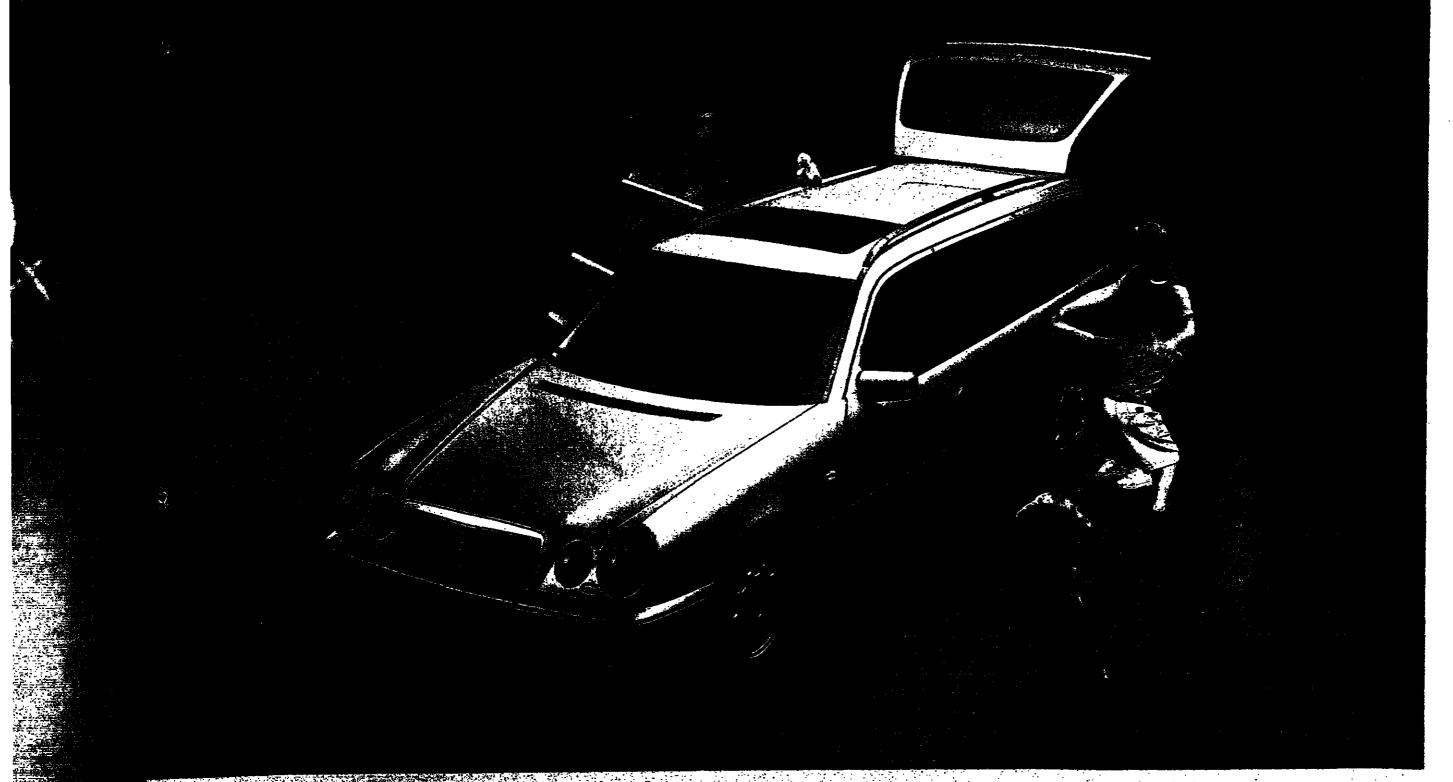
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ceiling fans and fridges. Yet, I don't disagree with the UN Population Fund's recent conclusion that "This urban future is inevitable and it should not be feared." For the millions of people in South Asia, driven away from the countryside by poverty, wars or natural calamitv. cities such as New Delhi offer a better life.

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### obituaries/gazette

### Lord Margadale

"He's nothing like as nice as he election defeat in 1964, they looks," said a Tory backbencher whose arm had been savagely (though unsuccessfully) twisted by John Morrison, the future Lord Margadale. It was 1963, and Morrison was attempting to persuade him to record a preference for Lord Home over R\_A. Butler to succeed Harold Macmillan as Prime Minister.

lain Macleod was to make the same point years later in the Speciator about the skulduggery organised by three men -Macmillan himself, Morrison, and Martin Redmayne, the Government Chief Whip - to deny to Butler a leadership which would certainly have been his had there been an open election for the succession.

These three were the centre of a small group which Macleod dubbed "the Magic Circle". though Home, admirably qualified by ancestry and class for membership of the circle, took no part in the somewhat tawdry intrigues which made him Prime Minister. The fundamental principle of the circle in 1963, during the battle for the leadership - and it was a principle, not merely a selfish ploy - was that only people of their own background, social and educational, were fitted to rule the country, and that the Con-servative Party in general, whether the party in the country, or in the House of Commons, should have no, or little, choice in the question of whom

should be Prime Minister. The tragedy of their position was that, after Home's general

were swept aside, simply because public and parliamentary opinion alike, decided that the Tory leadership should never again be decided by a small group, but that there must, hereinafter, be an election for the leadership. In 1964 Morrison accepted, on the recommendation of Alec Douglas-Home - as the defeated Prime Minister had now become - an hereditary peerage. It was a recognition that his

It must, however, be men-

time had passed.

tioned - and mentioned in his honour - that Margadale had one view from which, in his political life he never varied, save on one occasion. The rule was that the only way of serving the interests of the nation was to sustain a Conservative government. It did not matter much to him which kind of Conservative government was sustained; it and to be Conservative. This, on his part, was an instinctive feeling, not one worked out rationally. But, given that his personality was, by turns, charming and brutal, he was a very effective instrument for prime ministers from Eden to Home, all of whom knew that he would give them first-class information on the popular feel-ing - as expressed through Members of Parliament - about ministers, but never about prime ministers themselves. He had an almost sacerdotal view

of office, and the holder of the

Margadale's political position

office could rely upon him.

 one might even say his political power - depended on three things. The first was his immense personal wealth, accumulated over three generations. The second was his total lack of interest in ministerial office. The third was his simple conviction that, in politics, that what he felt was right. To try to understand him one must understand his attitude to his family

background.

John Grenville Morrison was born to wealth, and to a certain, and somewhat lavish, style of life. He was sent to Eton, where he proved to be less interested in academic matters than was thought appropriate by his teachers. Thence he went to Cambridge, where, in spite of every influence exerted by his family, he could not be helped to a degree. He spent far too much time on sport, and far too much of his allowance on fox-hunting. Then came the Second

World War. Morrison, who had gone to fight in North Africa with a horse and groom, found himself recalled, at the singular behest of Churchill, to be the Conservative candidate for Salisbury. He made - in uniform - his maiden speech in the House of Commons, bewailing the conditions in which his troops lived. It was the only controversial speech of his political life, for it expressed a view of the conduct of the war which was antithetical to the views of the Government of the day. It

showed a simplicity, and hon-esty, about Morrison which was

in his nature, but which he was never after to display.

He did many things outside politics. He was a great Master of Hounds. He - when he became interested - saw a beautiful horse and decided to breed horses; they won some difficult races, or fared well in them. He reorganised the Jockey Club, so that ordinary punters could have a decent say in how races were run. He enjoyed political influence - and never sought political power, as a Minister of the Crown

The paradox about this extraordinary man is that he was at once bluff countryman, efficient farmer, and effective Chairman of the 1922 Committee. In the end, one has to say that John Margadale found himself enjoying his estates, at Fonthill, in Wiltshire, and on the island of Islay, in Scotland, more than he had enjoyed his days of power and influence, but that he nevertheless enjoyed the influence. As John Biffen once, in his typically quiet, and ironic, way, said to me: "Do you think that John will enjoy it in the Lords, without any power?"

Patrick Cosgrave John Granville Morrison, politician: born 16 December 1906; MP (Conservative) for Salisbury 1942-64; Chairman, 1922 Committee 1955-64; created 1964 Baron Margadale; Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire 1969-81; married 1928 The Hon Margaret Smith (died 1980; two sons, one



### **Professor Edward McInnes**

The special affection which the ing the foundations for his sub-Germans display for Scotland has over the years been reciprocated in the major role played by many Scottish scholars in the study and teaching of German literature in Britain. Edward McInnes occupied a pre-eminent position among He was born in 1935 in May-

bole. Ayrshire. His early education took place at Renfrew High School and Greenock Academy, but as the son of a Baptist minister he spent his childhood in a number of different places in Scotland, Northern Ireland and England. He went to King's College London to read German, graduating with First Class honours in 1958, and proceeded directly to research under the supervision of Mary Gilbert.

As a graduate student he established very firm and enduring contacts with the of Germanic Studies in 1962. bined the best traditional qual-

sequent work in Austrian literature, and a year as Lektor in English at the Free University of Berlin. This was a time of worsening East-West relations, resolved in a way (the Berlin Wall) which, by restricting access to libraries and archives, for many years inhibited scholarly activity in central areas of Edward McInnes's work, which he none the less pursued with steady determination.

He completed his MA in 1961, at a time when this was still a research degree, with a substantial thesis on "The Conception of Guilt in Hauptmann's Tragic Drama", and, at a very young age, he con-tributed alongside an array of the country's leading Haupt-mann scholars, Mainland, Mo-Farlane, Garten and Gilbert, to the Hauptmann centenary lec-

turned to Scotland to a lectureship in German at Edinburgh University, where he was promoted to Reader in 1973, where he met his wife, Jean, and where his four children were born. In 1974 he was appointed to the Chair of German at Strathclyde University. In 1979 he moved to the Chair of German at Hull University, which he filled with distinction until his death. The esteem and affection felt for him in that department is evident in the tribute which prefaces the Festschrift published last year on the occasion of his 60th birthday.

In retrospect it can be seen that, with his early work on Hauptmann, McInnes set out the theme which was to provide an unusually strong unifying thread to his work in the subsequent years. At the same time this work established his tures mounted by the Institute character as someone who com-



in the face of the prevailing canon, which made him a more genuine pioneer than other self-consciously iconoclastic

In the social and politically conscious 1960s he was one who provided a solid basis for the

of articles, many published in the leading German journals, on dramatists in this same tradition who had been overshadowed in public perception by the dominant figures of Goethe and Schiller. This work is synthesised in his doctoral thesis of 1974 and, above all, his much admired book Das deutsche Drama des 19ten Jahrhunderts (1983), which he was invited to write for the prestigious series "Grundlagen der Germanistik" - a rare accolade for a British scholar, repeated in the

invitation to edit the volume on drama and theatre, 1848-80, in the social history of German literature published by Hanser Verlag in 1995. His book "Ein nures Theater": the droma of the Sturm und Drang (1987) similarly brings together work on the drama of the 18th century, which contributed notably

18th century similar to that of Georg Buchner in the early 19th

The unifying element in these works and the particular qualwhich made Edward McInnes such a fine literary historian, one of only a small number of British scholars to enjoy an equal reputation in the countries about whose native literature he wrote, was a sensitivity to the delicate task of recognising the distinctive originality of a literary work without losing sight of its historical involvement; as he put it in a characteristically scrupulous and generous review of a book with whose thesis he did not entirely agree, "asserting its deteness while stressing its

creative individuality". His more recent work had seen a return to, and extension of, his earlier work on the nar-

again his ability to recognise and fill an important and inexplicable gap in scholarship. It was followed by a number of studies which begin to throw light into that mysterious "black hole" of 19th-century realism in German literature. More of this is still to come, for, though Edward McInnes was a devotee of Hull City FC rather than the academic conference circuit, he was a serious and thoughtful contributor who courageously continued to pursue his work and communicate his conclusions until shortly before his untimely death.

from 1837 to 1870 showed once

Edward O'Hara McInnes, German scholar: born Maybole, Ayrshire 5 July 1935; Professor of German, Strathclyde University 1974-79; Professor of German, reappraisal of the naturalist to that revision of the canon rative prose of the 19th centu- Hull University 1979-96; married drama of the late 19th century. which has seen the dramatist ry. His 1991 book on the 1964 Jean Kilgour (one son, German-speaking world. He After a short period as As- ities of moderation and scruple In the 1970s he steadily ex- Jakob Michael Reinhold Lenz reception of the work of three daughters); died Hull 16 spent a period in Vienna, lay- sistant Lecturer at King's he re- with an independence of mind tended his range with a series come to occupy a position in the Charles Dickens in Germany May 1996.

ful, he was a very private man.

Few of his archaeological asso-

Friends – which he joined in mid-life – but many possibly

guessed at his spirituality. Oth-

ers sometimes came across with

surprise his published output as

a poet. Probably few ever re-

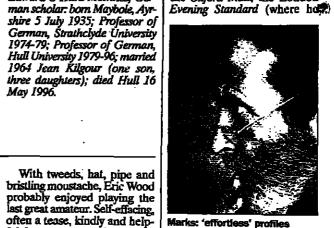
alised how insidiously influen-

tial he had been in archaeology.

though the well-thumbed copies

of his books in every public

library prove it.



Marks: 'effortless' profiles

edited Londoner's Diary) and the Sunday Times. After his recent "retirement", he wrote occasionally for the Independent

on Sunday. He loved cricket – he would return to the office deeply tanned after a weekend at Lord's. Having no family of his own, he was close to his two sisters and brother. The warmth of those who attended his funeral on Sunday was evidence of the love and loyalty which he inspired. Marks himself would, without doubt, have been deeply embarrassed by the many nice things said.

Robert Chesshyre Laurence Marks, journalist: born London 26 January 1928; died London 25 May 1996.

#### **Eric Wood**

One of Britain's best amateur archaeologists of the old school, and a professional in all but name, Eric Wood introduced countiess thousands to the subject through his archaeological best-seller Collins Field Guide to Archaeology in Britain, which went through five editions between 1963 and 1979. It was last reprinted in 1982.

Retirement from a full career as an administrative civil servant in 1973 freed him to produce Historical Britain in 1995, a vast, sensible and masterly portrait of the country through the surviving remains of past activities and ways of life. This, a huge expansion of the earlier work, has all the hallmarks of becoming a popular and longlasting sourcebook and it will be olithic and Bronze Age barrow a valuable record of the state of at Green Howe, North Deighthe historical environment at the end of the 20th century.

Wood's archaeological in-

circumstances prevented him taking a place at Oxford. Instead he entered the administrative civil service. During his career he worked as a principal in the Departments of Aircraft Production, Supply, Treasury, Technology, Aviation and Trade and Industry. Meanwhile he obtained a part-time degree (in French and German) from King's College London, setting a pattern of parallel work that was to characterise his life.

Wood's parallel career as an archaeologist began seriously with the relocation of the Department of Aircraft Production to Harrogate at the start of the Second World War. He joined the closing stages of an excavation of the important Nesponsibility for writing and publishing the report. With the



Wood: the last great amateur

he completed and published a survey of the ancient buildings of the Harrogate region, and rapidly made himself the expert on the archaeology of Nidderdale, encouraging his chil-dren in the necessary fieldwork with the offer of threepence a flint. Back in London after the terests went back to his child-hood, but straitened family shire Archaeological Society war he began research at the In-structure of Archaeology on the

Professor Gordon Childe. Local societies were then

the backbone of British archaeology, and Wood was active in both the Surrey Archaeo-logical Society (Secretary, 1958-66, and President, 1980-84) and the Southwark and Lambeth Excavation Committee (Chairman, 1967-81). He became President of the Surrey Industrial History Group, his main contribution being the investigation of the early stages of the glass industry in the Surrey Weald. Excavations of a 14th-

century furnace at Blundens Wood were a useful demonstration of medieval English glass-making processes, using separate furnaces for glass melting, annealing, and the preparation of crucibles. A second excavation, at Knightons, Aifold, showed the methods in use immigrants from France revo-

Neolithic and Bronze Age of httionised English glass-making north-east England under The work was a powerful demonstration of the potential of industrial archaeology.

Something of an archaeological polymath, at the time he was investigating the medieval industries of Surrey he was also a Council member of the Prehistoric Society. With his Fellowship of the Society of Antiquaries and, eventually, his membership of the Institute of Field Archaeologists he was also a living demonstration of the artificiality of the division between amateur and

professional in archaeology. All these qualities made Wood the man for the impossible job of writing a Collins Field Guide to Archaeology. Six Mortimer Wheeler, introducing the first edition of the book, recognised that it required the unostentatious courage of a daring and devoted student to c 1550, just before the arrival of venture on so ambitious an enterprise as to encapsulate in ac-

sassinate Queen Victoria, 1842;

curate but simple terms the whole of British archaeology. Wood carried it off, perhaps because he, himself something

of an autodidact in archaeology, knew unerringly what a newcomer to the subject would ask. Relentlessly, from boose ciates ever saw his deep com-stones and crinide-crankles to mitment to the Society of noosts and quintains, he explained what the physical remains of the past are and where to find them, sharing at the same time his own sense of fascination. To this he added lucid and succinct thematic essays that have been a godsend to generations of students ever since. In the wake of this success Collins made him the Joint Editor, with Cherry Lavell, of their "Collins Archaeology Series".

Having effectively brought five successive editions up to date with advances in archaeological knowledge and technique, he was just about to embark on the task once again.

Eric Stuart Wood, archaeologist and civil servant: born 22 November 1912; married 1935 Marion Bowie (died 1979; two daughters), 1980 Pamela Wool-land; died Alton, Hampshire 21 May 1996.

Wills

Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk, of Arundel Park, West Sussex, Lord Lieutenant of West Sussex 1975-90. the first non-royal woman appoint ed to the Order of the Garter, left estate valued at £4,050,712 net. Sir Arthur Hilton Poynton, of Croy-

left estate valued at £188,835 net. Mr Alistair Cameron Crombie, of Boars Hill, Oxford, Lecturer in the History of Science at Oxford University 1953-83, left estate valued at £741,268 met.

Romsey, Hampshire, aeronautical en-gineer. Vice-Chancellor of Loughborough University 1967-73, left

BOYAL ENGAGEMENTS

The Queen gives a Reception at Buckingham Palace to mark the 1996 Quinqueennal Conference of the Royal Life Saving Society. The Duke of Ediaburgh, Founder and Chairman of the International Trustees, the Duke of Ediaburgh's Award International Association, visits Gibraltar to attend the 25th anniversary celebrations of the Award Scheme in Gibraltar. The Princess Boyal, President, Annual Health Trust, attends an Industry Committee Meeting for the First Launch of Corporate Membership Scheme at Buckingham Palsoc; as President, the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, attends the Carl and Eve Foreraan Awards Lunchoon at 195 Piccodilly, London W1; as Chancellor, London University, opens a new Lubrary at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmish Hospital, London W12, unwells the commissionative Green Plaque to Dame Annua Neagle and Herthert Wilcox at Aldinal House, London W1, and attends a reception in the Somerset and Spenser Suites. Grosvenor House Hotel; and as President, the Rural Housing Trust, attends an executing reception to mark their 21st anniversary at the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. Council Chamber. London SW1. Princess Margaret, President, the Friends of the Eddary and Gendefolic help, vesis Redoot, the society's Home in Hastenere, Surrey. The Duke of Glonecater visits the Royal Bath and West of England Society's Annual Show, Shepton Mallet, Somernet. Prince Michael of East, Communiveshith President, Royal Life Saving Society, attends a reception at Buckingham Palsec, in homour of the 1996 Quinquemial Conference.

Changing of the Gitard

The Household Cavatry Mounted Regiment

Changing of the Guard The Household Cavairy Mounted Regiment mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, Ham: 1st Battalion In-le Guards, Ham: 1st Guard, at Ruckingham Palace, 11.30m, band provided his the Coldstream Guards.

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BIRTHS MARKS: To Barbara (nee Anderson) and Laurence, on 22 May 1996, a du-aghter, Francesca Elisabeth.

DEATHS BUTTERWORTH: Dr Mavis Ann, for-

meriy of Sutton Coldfield, peacefu-ly at Macclestield District General n at Macclesticki District General Hospital on Sunday 26 May 1996. Much-leved daughter of the late Henry and Doris Butterworth, dear sister of Angus and Brian. Funcral ser-vice at Stockport Crematorium at 11.30am on Wednesday 5 June 1996. Family flowers only. Enquiries to G.W. Turner, telephone 0101–480 3754.

MANSON: James, 25 years. Died 5.10km on Sunday 26 May after a long illness, bravely borne. Dearly loved son of Claire and Glynn Manson, bruther of St John and father of William. Funeral at St Michael's, Elmwood Road, Chiswick, on Tuesday, June at 11 June No (Jones). day 4 June at 11.30am. No flowers. Donations to Princess Alice Hospice, West End Lane, Esher, Surrey KT10

PALEY: The Venerable William, passed ROTHSCHILD: Teresa, Lady Roth-schild, beloved wife, mother and

Receptions

Sephardi Centre Don Alberto Aza Arias, the Spanish Ambassador, and Rabbi Abraham Levy held a reception to promote

#### Births, **Marriages** & Deaths

grandmother, died peacufully at St Thomas' Hospital on 29 May.

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Jewish-Christian-Muslim relations yesterday at the Sephardi Centre, Maida Vale, London W9, Sir Sigmund Stemberg presided and Mr LuBirthdays

Mr William Cleland, thoracic surgeon, 84; Mr Ray Coopey, theatrical producer, 64; Mr Peter Ellis, actor, to; The Marquess of Ely, former beadmaster, 83; Mr Harry Enfield, meanmaster, 85; Mr Harry Enneid, writer and comedian, 35; Mr Norman Eshley, actor, 51; The Right Rev John Gladwin, Bishop of Guildford, 54; Air Marshal Sir Reginald Harland, engineering and management consultant, 76; Mr Christopher Haskins, chairman, Northern Foods, 59; Sir Northern Foods, 59; Sir Josepher Marshall Mr. 1987, 198 David Knox MP, 63; Mr Barry Legg MP, 47; Mr Timothy Llewellyn, Di-rector, Henry Moore Foundation, 49; Sir Ian Lloyd, former MP, 75; Dr John Marks, former Chairman, British Medical Association, 71; Dr Robert Mercer, Headmaster, Stonyhurst College, 47; Mr Antony Moore, former diplomat. 78; Mr Colin Myler, Editor, Daily Mirror, 44; Lord Richard QC, mining and electrical engineer. Leader of the Opposition in the House of Lords, 64; Mr Clint Walker, actor, 69; Mr Tim Waterstone, bookseller, 57; Mr Phillip Whitehead, MEP, writer, television producer and former chairman, Consumers' Association, 59: Mr Bob Willis, cricketer. 47; Sir Frederick Wood, honorary life president, Cro-

Anniversaries Anniversaries

Grenadier Guards were formed,
Births: Peter the Great, Tsar of
Russia, 1672; Ignaz Moscheles, pi1808; John Francis attempted to asLivingstone Lecture Series: Dr Fe-

da International, 70.

anist and composer, 1794; Johann Christian Lobe, composer, 1797; Samuel Spalding, moral philoso-pher, 1807; Mikhail Alexandrovich Bakunin, anarchist, 1814; Alfred Anstin, poet, 1835; Peter Carl (Karl Gustavovich) Fabergé, goldsmith, 1846; Pierre Marie-Félix Janet, psy-chologist, 1859; Alexander Porfirevich Archipenko, sculptor and painter, 1887; Howard Winchester Hawks, film director, 1896; Benny (Benjamin David) Goodman, bandleader and clarinettist, 1909. Deaths: St Joan of Arc, burnt at the stake at Rouen 1431; Christopher Marlowe, playwright, killed in a brawl 1593; Sir Peter Paul Rubens, painter, 1640; Pierre Mignard le Romain, painter, 1695; Alexander Pope, poet and satirist, 1744; François Boucher, painter, 1770: Voltaire (François-Marie Arouet), philosopher and writer, 1778; Thomas Chalmers, minister, philanthropist and author, 1847; Wilbur Wright, pioneer avia-tor, 1912; Hermann Broch, poet and novelist, 1951; Dooley (Arthur) Wilson, singer, 1953; Boris Leonidovich Pasternak, poet and author, 1960; Claude Rains, actor, 1967; Marce) Dupré, organist and composer, 1971. On this day: Christopher Columbus set sail on his third voyage, 1498; King Henry VIII was married to Jane Seymour, 1536; the

Smetana's opera The Bartered Bride was first performed, 1866; the Balkan War was ended by the Treaty of London, which created the new state of Albania, 1913; Cologne was raided by a large force of RAF aircraft, 1942; the first hovercraft flight took place at Cowes, Isle of Wight, 1959, the first London production of the musical show On the Town was presented, 1963; Eastern Nigeria declared itself independent, being renamed the Republic of Blafra, 1967; the British Trans-Arctic Expedition completed the first surface crossing of the continent, 3,620 miles in 464 days, 1969; the first London production of the musical show Link Me was presented. 1984. Today is the Feast Day of St Extraorantius of Ravenna, St Ferdinand of Castile, St Isaac of Constantinople, St Joan of Are, St Luke Kirby, St Madelgisilus or Maugeille

Lectures National Gallery: Mari Griffiths,

and St Walstan.

Context", 1.15nm.

"Spring Chickens (v): Raphael The Mond Crucifizion", 1pm Tate Gallery: Peter Osborne, "Gerhardt Richter: "Painting Photography", 1pm. British Museum: Richard Lunton, "The South Indian Temple and Its Geographical Society and the Culture of Exploration", 1.10pm. London School of Economics, the Al-

lix Driver, "Livingstone, the Royal

istair Berkley Memorial Lecture: Professor Patrick McAuslan, "Land Tenure and Tenurial Reform in Africa", 5.30pm.

Schools

King's School, Canterbury The following scholarship awards have been made at King's School, Canterbury for the academic year beginning September 1996:

ginning September 1996:

King's Scholarshiper Penelope Cox, Simon Langton Girls' School; Susannah Herbert, South Hampstead High School; Thomas Hopkinson, King's College School, Cambridge; Charlotte Kinght, Junior King's School, Cambridge; Charlotte Kinght, Junior King's School, Natrobic Victoria Lamb, Jumos King's School; Ameny Lewis, Windlesham House; Christopher Mattingly, Junior King's School; Rehecta Sambroak, Junior King's School; Benedict Western\*, Vinehall; Lawrence White, Windlasham; Alfred Williams, Dulwich College Preparatory School, London; Michelle Workman, Junior King's School, Eryman Scholarship; Charles Miller-Jones, King's School, Camerbury, Edmandson Nunker School, Camerbury, Edmandson Nunker School, Camerbury, School, Bowling, King's School, Camerbury, School, Bowling, King's School, Camerbury, School, Bowling, King's School, Camerbury, School, Edward Remedian, Remedian Remedian, School, Camerbury, School, King's School, Camerbury, School, King's School, Camerbury, School, Camerbury, School, King's School, Camerbury, School, Camerbury, School, King's School, Camerbury, Schoo Maier-Joore, King's School, Canterbury, Ed-mundoon Nather Scholight, Leonora Dow-son-Bowling, King's School, Canterbury. Art Scholambiger James Macfarlane, Bram-bletye; Luhe Montgomery, Dulwich Collège Preparatoy School, Chashrook, Askira Wild-blood, Junior King's School. Sath Perus King's Schoolaships: Caroline Bal-ley, Ludy Eleanor Holles; Edward Cotton. Kent College. Cleary Art Scholarships: Ofivia Arthur, Claire Baldwin. Charles Fordham,

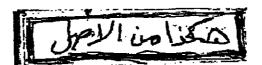
Beth Hickin, Mark Williams, of the King's School, Camerium. BOYAL ENGAGEMENTS

Peter Addyman

don, Surrey. Permanent Under-Secretary. Colonial Office 1959-66. Professor Elfyn John Richards, of

estate valued at £110,952 net. Mr John Menzies Kay, of St Briavels, Gloucestershire, former Professor or Nuclear Power at Imperial College, London, and Director of Atomic Energy Production, Risley, left estate valued at £563,118 net. Patrick Reginald Boyle, 13th Earl of Cork and Orrery, of Midhurst, West

Sussex, former Deputy Chairman of Committees, House of Lords, left estate valued at £67,441 net. Miss Priscilla Margaret Jones, of St. Albans, Hertfordshire, left estate valued at £3,098,929 net.



# \*The danger of mixing water and electricity

Te've always been told that water and electricity don't mix. Plunge a toaster in the bath and watch the sparks fly. The same motto probably applies to the companies that provide water and electricity services.

A fashion is sweeping through the privatised utility industries. Like most fashions it is superficially appealing but transitory. The fashion is that utilities which are quite effective when they focus on a relatively simple task, supplying electricity to a region, for instance, should really become multiutility companies. The skills learnt in, say, providing water services can easily be transferred to gas and electricity and even to telecommunications. The result is you get a stronger company,

based on several legs.
In reality this fashion is almost certainly merely a justification for empire building. Aggressive managers want to show what they are made of so they go looking for acquisitions, armed not just with surplus cash but with flashy sounding theories supplied to them by their handsomely paid City advisers and management consultants.

The multi-utility concept lies behind Scottish Power's bid to gobble up Southern Water for £1.56bn. Southern Electric countered yesterday by bidding is 1.6bn. Scottish Power, the electricity enerator in Scotland, already owns Manweb (the regional electricity com-

pany), Scottish Telecom (which is linked to Vodafone the mobile phone

operator) and a gas supply subsidiary. Why should we bother about these bids? Companies change hands all the time. If the management of one com-pany can do a better job of running another one as well, then mergers or takeovers may make everyone better off. A little chopping and changing was inevitable as the utilities adjusted to emerging competition. They tell us that water in pipes, electricity in wires, all follow the same principles. After all, building societies and banks are moving into one another's territories. Surely broadly based utility service companies can be as efficient as broadly based financial service companies?

Perhaps. But the merger mania across utilities seems increasingly ludicrous. The arguments aired by Scottish Power and Southern Electric in pursuit of its water company prey are tenuous to say the least. And the risks of allowing these monopolies to coagulate are considerable. What makes managements efficient is competitive pressure. These mergers will further reduce competition and so erode pressure on managers to deliver a better service to consumers.

We are supposed to believe for a start that Southern Water will be better run by the management of one of these other companies. Perhaps. But the idea that they bring any special expertise that will automatically improve the business



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is not very credible. After all, what do power stations in Scotland and baths and sinks in Brighton have in common? Southern Electric marshals a slightly

more plausible case. At least that company and Southern Water have customers in common. Arguably there could be savings from joint billing. But even so, the geographical overlap is not complete. Modern information technology bills so swiftly and smoothly that the savings from a common system are unlikely to be immense. And meanwhile, the public will be right to worry that the family defaulting on its electricity bill could find its water supply jeopardised, too.

The record of the mergers that have been allowed so far is not persuasive. The City is distinctly unimpressed by the take-over of Norweb (the regional electricity company) by North West Water. Privatised industries have been down this road before. Managers of recently privatised companies do not feel they are proper private sector managers until they have lost their virginity on the acquisition trail. Soon after its privatisation in 1984 BT acquired a Canadian telephone manufacturer called Mitel on the grounds that there was great synergy. It was a disaster that took years to unravel.

have a macho, but entirely irrational, desire to expand into other fields that they know nothing about. Management should know their strengths, and their limits, and stick to what they are best at. But if they are tempted to stray, then the regulators and competition authorities should watch closely, because the merging of important util-ities will be bad for consumers in the long run.

The regulators within each industry

have a hard enough job as it is, working out what the real costs are that the companies face, what their profits are likely to be, and how low they should set their prices. Companies keen to make profits for their shareholders have an interest in disguising future profitability. How much easier it will be for them to do this if they have diversified into other utilities.

These utilities are not so much trading assets as trading regulatory regimes. As competition emerges in the electricity and gas markets, huge companies with safe profits from their secure water monopolies will be in a stronger position to withstand the competition. Predatory pricing, it's called. It would be much harder to stop in a world of merged multi-utilities.

At this point Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, should step in. The individual regulators won't bat an eyelid at the bids. The Monopolies and

Newly privatised companies seem to Mergers Commission, we know, is quite happy to see utilities merge; it thinks that will create national champions. Mr Lang should step in to rule out further consolidation, just as he did with the bid from Powergen to take over Southern Electric last month. But if these kinds of mergers across utilities are allowed to continue, it will create the need for regulation to keep pace. Super-utilities need super regulators to bash them, beat them and keep them in check.

### On our way to Ardwick

It is April 2010. Arsenal are beating Spurs 2-0 in the FA Cup Semi-Final with five minutes to play. The sup-porters break into the traditional chant: "We're on our way to Ardwick, we're on our way to Ardwick". A rebuilt Wembley as a new national stadium would be great. But the mystical significance of the name is just chance. If the twin towers had been built a little to the east, the chant might have been: "We're on our way to Neasden".

The North dominates most of the sports that would be played in the stadium. So we believe it would be better to make a fresh start with a new stadium in Manchester.

#### • LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

#### Publish the scientific facts on beef

Sir: The Government asserts that its actions over beef are in accordance with the scientific facts ("John Major does a Margaret Thatcher", 22 May). So far they have been remarkably successful in concealing these facts from the rest of us and from our Continental colleagues. What is so clearly missing is a comprehensive written statement of what is known; and – just as important when considering policy – of what remains obscure.

Where these facts are known they need to be easily available to the public, and updated regularly, so that the public can draw its own

THE REAL POUR SON

The blame for allowing this essentially technical matter to failure to deal with BSE over the we first need a comprehensive a useful education for Ministers and their officials. TERRY PRICE

Sir: George Walden is quoted as saying "anyone who has doubts labout the Government's strategy] should speak out" ("For beef, Major and St George", 28 May). I don't have doubts; I am dismayed by the popular support for this disastrous and counterproductive "strategy". It isn't a strategy, because a strategy aims at a longterm objective, and the obstructive policy being pursued at present by the Government is anything but long-term in its objective - unless it be the re-election of a Tory government. Obstructing public ousiness is a form of secondary picketing and inevitably provokes retaliation in a battle with

CHRISTOPHER G. TURNER Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire

Sir: Our trade with Germany is worth some £1.7bn, so I wonder where those 62 per cent of Tory voters cited in your NOP poll expect the UK to sell its goods and services if German imports are

of us in this poll other than its drawing to our attention the tragic lack of clear information about the advantages of EU membership and our continuing ignorance of the economic consecu withdrawal. DAVID WILSON

Sir: Sir Andrew Aguecheek, in Act I scene III of Twelfth Night, no more wit than a Christian or an ordinary man has; but I am a Toby Belch states there is no question about the harm: a pity he did not give details and so cattle have survived the 400 years, one must assume that a a media panic? CHRIS FITZHUGH

Mapperley Park, Nottingham

uncertainties. become violently political does not lie at Europe's door, it is our own past decade. Import bans imposed half a dozen years ago by the USA, Canada and New Zealand should have provided sufficient warning. If we are to proceed more rationally Green Paper. Preparing it might be Jordans, Buckinghamshire

consumers which our government

banned bere? There is no consolation for any

Leeds

says "Methinks sometimes I have great eater of beef, and I believe that does harm to my wit ... " Sir help our scientists. Since English cuis, was found; or was Aguecheek just another victim of

Sir: Polly Toynbee's commentary on the New Age purports to vanguish the hokum of the Mind Body Spirit Festival by championing the triumph of science over nature. Toynbee suggests that nature is the enemy. Her evidence is that "nature killed babies, gave us

smallpox, famine, plague and a life of unremitting toil followed by an early death". Her inference is that

New Age beliefs

Sir: Polly Toynbee's attack on new

ageism ("New Age may be mainstream, but it's a mistake", 27

May) sounded dogmatically out of

"rationalism" that so many people

("new age" or otherwise) now understandably reject. By claiming

that "science is our triumph over

parrots old, unproven beliefs but

she also presumes that something

called "nature", of which humans

are evidently not part, exists only to be conquered and exploited.

Such a prejudiced position

implicitly denies the validity of all

"non-scientific" understandings of

the world (and therefore all those

establishment beliefs) at all times

and places. Only present understandings are valid, and always will be. Ms Toynbee of

course, knows the Truth. If this

otherwise, I don't know what is.

isn't imperialism, religious or

Centre for the Study of Science

who do not ascribe to

NICK HUNT

and Science Policy

University of Lancaster

nature" and that "nature is the

enemy" Ms Toynbee not only

date, containing precisely that brand of holier-than-thou

are valid too

humanity has nothing to do with the creation of these phenomena. Her conclusions cannot stand up to the rigours of scientific proof and demonstration that she champions.

Toynbee's perspective is Old Age, the philosophy of duality, which can only recognise the conflict of opposing forces. The New Age is based on the philosophy of holism, the recognition of harmony within all aspects of creation. We are all one; nature, science, humanity, even Polly and L DARRYL O'KEEFFE National Federation of Spiritual Healers Sunbury, Middlesex

#### Labour supports victims of divorce Sir. Your editorial ("Labour joins the right: divorced from reality",

29 May) is misleading.

No, we have never advocated compulsory counselling for all married couples. Yes, we did dare to express the view that someone seeking a divorce should first explore on a one-to-one basis with a qualified counsellor whether the marriage might be saved. If this is too radical and communitarian a notion for the Independent, well so be it. Broken homes often mean damaged children and divorce costs over £4bn a year. The state has a legitimate interest in promoting measures to save marriages that are capable of

Labour's position is as clear

today as it has been throughout. We gave the broad thrust of the Family Law Bill our support at Second Reading and made it clear that our support at later stages was dependent on the Government's response to amendments designed to strengthen protection for the victims of violence in the home

That's the trouble with this government, they're all talking bull semen'

and the interests of children. The assertion that we propose mediation for violent marriages is completely untrue. We moved an amendment that would have had precisely the opposite effect by removing the danger that the Legally-Aided victims of domestic ce would be forced into mediation with their attackers. The Government rejected that

amendment. Unfortunately, the Government chose to reject all attempts to strengthen the Family Law Bill in this regard. They chose, instead, to seek to buy off rebellion in their own ranks by making concessions which distorted the Bill and rendered it, ina number of key respects, unworkable and nsupportable.

The independent may take the view that a Family Law Bill that works against the best interests of children and the victims of domestic violence is "far from perfect". The NSPCC and the Women's Aid Federation of England go considerably further than that and with good cause. They warn of the "serious problems which women and children escaping violence will face in the divorce process if the Bill goes through in its present form"

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and that the changes have "diluted its principles and worked against the best interests of children". It is for these reasons, rather than "for the sake of short-term political gain", that Labour finds itself unable to support the Family Law Bill in its present form. We shall in the light of these

and other legitimate concerns about the workability of the mechanisms proposed, continue to try to improve the Bill throughout its remaining stages. The Government's willingness to respond positively in this regard is crucial to the creation of legislation capable of delivering a sensible and family-friendly divorce process. The opportunity to move towards this principled objective, rather than political expediency, will determine whether or not Labour votes against the Family Law Bill at Third Reading. PAUL BOATENG MP (Brent South, Lab)

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#### **Burma:** investors should wait

Sir: Your report ("Words of hope reverberate across Burma", 28 May) on the weekend speech by the Burmese opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi made one key omission. Foreign investors, she has consistently said, "should jolly well wait" until Burma has a

democratic government.
Yet British government policy remains that "Outside of the EU arms embargo, there are no obstacles to UK companies doing business with Burma". If pressed, the Department of Trade hard disk will even come up with some po-faced phrases about trade reinforcing pressure for reform.

The State Law and Order Restoration Council military government is largely kept in place, able to spend half its revenue on arms, by precisely this dollar-signsin-the-eyes mentality. Burma supplies 60 per cent of the world's heroin, and the SLORC take their cut of that foreign trade too.

Even the free-trading US can see this is not acceptable. Yet last February, while companies like Heineken and Levi's were leaving the British government was handing out £1,000 a time to encourage companies such as GEC Marconi and John Brown to attend a trade mission in Rangoon SALLY STEEN

Christian Solidarity International Brussels

#### England's Church Sir: Andreas Whittam Smith is

only half right when he says that just the monarchy and the Church of England among national institutions pre-date St Bartholomew's Hospital ("Is Bart's saved?", 27 May). The Church in England was certainly a fact but not the Church of

FRANCIS WHITE Salisbury, Wiltshire

#### The cost of teenagers

Sir: Your front page report ("Bad news for parents: Teenagers cost £36 a day , 27 May) is misleading. In truth, teenagers are as costly as parents can afford to allow

them to be; which, in my experience, is considerably less than £36 a day. My own children have long since flown the nest, and I am retired but my weekly earnings when we were raising our family, even before deductions, fell well short of such a figure.

It is a pity that our youth are led to believe that computers, personal CD players, and mobile telephones are essential adjuncts to life. The plain fact is: if you cannot afford to give your children such advantages – and few parents can - they will have to resign PETER FOOKS Nottingham

#### Apostolic models for ordination

Sir: No doubt Lord Runcie knows his Canon Law as well as the Rev Nigel Scotland does (Letters, 27 May), and ordained men, whatever their sexuality, precisely because they were "of good repute and such as to be a wholesome example and pattern to the flock of Christ." Nothing decadent about simply filling a post with someone who fits the job-

The former Archbishop might still, however, be open to friendly criticism in the light of what we know about the choosing of the Apostles. Pre-eminent among the saints whom the early Church routinely invoked as patrons of homosexual marriage curemonies we find the holy apostles Philip and Bartholomew, paired disciples whom Christ himself ordained on the same day.

Now if Mr Scotland were to argue that, to be strictly faultless in following the Saviour's example, Archbishop Runcie should perhaps also have ordained these men's boyfriends, there. I think, he might be on quite strong

DR MICHAEL HALLS

#### Cleaning up for the Millennium

Sir: Contrary to Andrew Blundy's letter (29 May), British Gas is already supporting the Millennium Exhibition to the tune of millions of pounds.

Firstly, British Gas has committed to pay some £20m to secure a Jubilee Line station on the Greenwich peninsula. Without this, the site would never have been considered for hosting the Millennium Exhibition and its long-term regeneration would have been less certain. Secondly, British Gas is making a substantial part of the site available, at no cost, to the Exhibition. Thirdly, British Gas is committed to meeting in full, from its own funds, the substantial cost of cleaning up the Peninsula to comply with the latest cavironmental legislation. ROY M. DANTZIC Managing Director, Port Greenwich Ltd British Gas plc London WC1

# An anthem for our times

'God Save the Queen' is not fixed in stone. It has been changed before, surely it can change again to become more modern? Paul Vallely on the chequered history of the world's national anthems

o now the mad feminists want to rewrite the national anthem. Heaven forfend! No wonder Sir Backbench Rentaquote and his colleagues are moving stoutly to the barricades. True, the monstrous reg-iment want only to change one line. And in the fourth verse. But it is a question of

But hang on. The fourth verse? Most of us didn't even know there was a fourth verse, Indeed, many don't really know about the second one, which talks about scattering enemies and their knavish tricks (see box to the right). Where a sec-ond is sung people usually go straight for the third which is more benign (and makes clear the constitutional brakes on the monarch whose job is to defend our laws and keep on our right side). But a

Actually, there is a fifth too. But political correctness - or tact as it was known in an earlier age - intervened long ago. For the fifth said:

Lord, grant that Marshal Wade, May, by thy mighty aid.

Victory bring. May he sedition hush and like a torrent

Rebellious Scots to crusts. God save the King.

Marshal Wade was a leading Redcoat officer in the army sent north from London in 1745 to stem the southward advance of Bonnie Prince Charlie. The anthem is on record as first having been sung in public at a theatre in Drury Lane, not as a general hymn but as a singular prayer at a time of national danger - the Scottish forces got to within 100 miles of London. And the anthem was, according to the historian, Linda Colley, author of Britons: Forging the Nation 1707-1837, inextricably bound up with the defence of Protestantism against the threatening Catholicism of the Papist Stuarts. It was sung in Drury Lane every night, and also at Covent Garden, until news of the Young Pretender's defeat reached the

Even the English eventually realised that it was not diplomatic to ask the Scots to join in with that verse by the time the tune came to be described as the "British national anthem" in the early 1800s. The fifth verse was dropped and the second was piously amended so that the national aspiration was located not in the king but in God; "on him our hopes we fix" gave way to "on Thee our hopes we fix".

But the history of this clarion call to national pride is actually a bit murkier even than that. Ironically the earliest versions of the song are thought to have been in circulation among supporters of the exiled Stuart dynasty who later rallied to Prince Charlie's standard. There is even programme at Twickenham two years are the standard to the standard t a suggestion that it may originally have been composed for the French king, Louis XIV, though its melodic shaped and Louis XIV, though its melodic shaped and dotted rhythm can be traced through a lit is not good form to pass judgement on the musical emblems of other peoples so number of 17th century galliards to a catch by Purcell called *Upon the Duke's* Return published in 1682.

Given such a history of development the change which the feminists of Birmingham's Labour group have this week demanded - from "that men should



England's rugby team struggle with the national anthem. But Will Carling's attempt to usurp it with 'I Vow to Thee my Country' never caught on

brothers be" to "that all should united be" - might seem small beer. But tunes accorded such established status carry huge burdens of significance, at least in England. Not for the English the easy progress of the Celtic nations into anthems which suit the mood and the time. When it comes to rugby, for example, the Welsh, Irish and Scots have adopted appropriate airs Bread of Heaven, Molly Malone and Flower of Scotland for communal celebration. But the English have never moved so fluently. Abide with Me at the rugby league and football cup finals now lacks resonance and Swing Low; Sweet Chariot has disintegrated into a boozy roar by rugby union crowds.

ago but few took it up.

But not all other nations have it easier. it would be disrespectful to dwell on the idea that the Algerian national anthem sounds uncannily like the theme tune from St Trinians or to record that the actor Richard E Grant used to sing Swaziland's for panto auditions.

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have no difficulty in finding disrespect-ful dissenters among their own folk. In the United States basketball star Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf (né Chris Jackson), who converted to Islam in 1991, refuses to stand for the pre-match anthem. "I'm a Muslim first and last. My duty is to my creator, not nationalistic ideology," he proclaimed. After the £1.8m-a-year star called the American flag a "symbol of oppression and tyranny" callers to local radio phone-ins suggested that he spend some of his vast income on seeing a psy-

In Britain we do things on a smaller scale. Tory backbenchers complained when the BBC chose Beethoven's Ode To Joy as its theme music for this summer's European football championships on the Eurosceptical grounds that this is also the anthem for the dreaded European

protection of national pride. The greatits present august status from a much lowlier start as an 18th century London drinking song called To Anacreon in In any case it seems that most nations Heaven. One day, demographic changes

tion grows and Spanish becomes the mother tongue of the greater part of the nation (a development forecast for the middle of the next century) the opening words of the Star Spangled Banner may have to be altered to José, Can You

The safest thing, of course, would be simply to have just one interchangeable anthem for all nations. It was almost thus. Just as English is now the international nguage, so God Save the King was once the international anthem. The anthem of the German Empire was Heil Dir Im Siegerkranz but the tune is exactly the same as that of the British national tune. So was that of Switzerland, Norway and 20 other countries at various times. Liechtenstein still retains it.

But nationhood demands a distinct What we are dealing with here is the anthem as much as it does a discrete airline. So they have all branched out on est of all anthems, the Marseillaise, the their own, and not always with success. musical anotheosis of revolutionary Remember the gruesome fiasco of the France, was banned there for most of the search for a non yuck-making national 19th century when more conservative tune in Australia (after they discovered forces prevailed. And the national anthem that Waltzing Matilda was not a waltz at of the United States of America assumed all)? The Russians have now gone through something similar. They took an uninspired piece by Glinka and for three years struggled to find suitable words to fit the tune. Citizens sent in thousands of lines

the 1950s, gave up.

New anthems can be created which inspire popular affection. It can be done, as Flower of Scotland shows. Though it has all the mordant qualities of a traditional lament it was, in fact, written in 1966 by the late Roy Williamson, of folk band the Corries. Since then this ballad of the routing of the English army at Bannockburn has usurped Scotland the Brave as the

unofficial national song.

Perhaps the English should follow suit, though it would be more comely to find a way of expressing pride in England without seeking to revive past quarrels with other nations. Surely it is time to consign Land of Hope and Glory, Jerusalem, and Rule Britannia to the museum of our impecial past. And though I illipulate the imperial past. And though Lillibulero, the signature tune of the BBC World Service, lendidly evocative when hear it on a short-wave radio in some foreign part, what we need is something more modern.

It was Billy Connolly, a foreigner, who once suggested that the perfect candidate might be the theme tune from The Archers. With some apt lyrics - perhaps about out-of-town shopping centres, theme parks and the Citizen's Charter that might just do the job.

#### The National Anthem

Happy and glorious, Long to reign over us: God save the Queen

Conjound their politics, Pristrate their knowsh tricks. On her our hopes we fix

On her be pleased to pour; And ever give us cause

God save the Queen

Lord make the nations see That men should brothers be. And form one family,

#### Alternative Anthem

in save our railway trains, huth up our water mains. Reep from the wrecking crew, Small shops and Doctor Who, Anything that goes Mon. And cheap baked beans

Names like Elleen and Reg. And warm flat beer. Luce curtains, cricket bass, Monogrammed toilet mats, And Clacton Pier.

(There is a third verse but no one can

By Martin Newell

### A patriotic selection: anthems from around the world

Germany: August von Fallersleben's famous "Deutschland über Alles" was set to Haydn's music and authorised as Germany's national anthem in 1922. But by 1952 the third verse was seen as the only one peaceable enough to be retained. It is now the anthem for the reunited nation. Unity and Right and Freedom/Are the pledge of happiness./Bloom in the splendour of this happiness,/Bloom, my German

France: Some Birmingham councillors will not be happy with

the Marseillaise: Under our flags, may victory/Follow your manly accents; may your dying enemies See your triumph and our glory!...

UN: An anthem using words from the UN charter was commissioned for last. year's 50th anniversary celebrations from the composer Howard Blake. He did as well as could be expected with Lyrics such as. We the people of the United Nations are determined to establish conditions under which justice and respect for international obligations.

Best of the Rest: Most contented; Forever your skies, your air set my heart in tune/As if it were a flute In spring, O mother mine the fragrance from your mango groves/ Makes me wild with joy/Ah, what a

thrill! (Bangladesh)

Most intellectually bankrupt: Arise! Arisel Arise! Millions but with one heart, Braving the enemy's fire | March

Bloodiest When we spoke, nobody listened to us/So we have taken the

and the sound of machine guns as our melody (Algeria)

Most date specific: "Let us never forget the historic appeal/Of August 30th 1969. (Togo)

Most Bacchanalian: My friends, the vines have produced again/Sweet wine which enlivens our veins/which melts away all our troubles. (Slovenia)

**Ben Summers** 

### Lost for words? Ask the professor

hen you got an Oxbridge degree in English in the old days, it fitted you for absolutely nothing. Nowa-days, that's all changed. It still fits you for almost nothing, but, if you're very lucky, it may gel you a job writing a newspaper column on English usage and the derivation of words. Such a man is Professor Wordsmith, who is back again today to talk about words and their often very specialised meanings. All yours, Prof!

When you leave a toothpaste tube open on the bathroom basin, and forget to put the cap back, the top of the toothpaste soon goes hard and forms a son of green or stripey plug which blocks up the aperture. Is there any technical name for this little bit of hardened toothpaste?

Professor Wordsmith writes: Interesting point. I had never thought of that one. No. I don't think there is. I am very interested in the behaviour of chains and plugs,

in baths, sinks, bidets etc. I actually in the plughole and the chain is at rest - I mean when the plug is reclining quietly on the back of the basin or the side of the bath.

I have noticed that very often, just when you think all is at rest, the chain starts a very gentle slithering motion, then thers speed as it falls into the gathers speed as u juus vuv inc bath or basin, and finally brings down the plug with it. Is there any word in English for this distinctive motion of the chain? Professor Wordsmith Professor writes: Not so far as I am

Is there any word for the one rogue piece of coloured washing (usually a red pillow slip, in my experience) which gets into a washing machine load of white washing, and tints every-thing else slightly pink? Professor Wordsmith

writes: There may well be, but I have never come across it. Recently I went to an airport to meet a friend, and as her slight was late, I got a good chance to watch the way in



which the people who were

waiting greeted the people who were arriving. Very often the meeting took the form of a kiss, or hug, or some other form of embrace, but I couldn't help noticing that in almost every case, one of the partners to the embrace was less keen on the act than the other one - perhaps through being young and shy, or travel-worn, or just not very keen on the other person. Whatever the reason, most of the hugs were a bit one-sided. Is there any word to describe the less willing partner in a close physical union?

Wordsmith Professor writes: That's a very good point, and there is a very clear need for such a word. Oddly enough, it does not, so far as I know, exist.

You can insert one finger into the handle of a dainty teacup and two into the han-dle of a larger one. When it comes to mugs, you can often get three fingers in the handle and very occasionally four, but almost always there are superfluous fingers dangling out-side the handle, fingers which are not, if you know what I mean, load-bearing. Is there an adjective to describe such unused fingers?

Wordsmith Professor writes: No.

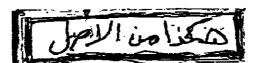
Recently I was introduced to the wife of a peer of the realm at a party, who was very nice in her own way - of course, she wasn't a lady born and bred, she had only become a lady through marrying this peer of the realm, having been an estate agent beforehand, I believe – and when I asked her why her husband was called a peer of the realm, rather than just a peer, she was quite

unable to tell me. Nor did she seem to want to talk about her husband much - she was. however, very interesting about secret South American poisons and methods of inflicting death without leaving a mark - not a subject you would normally find a peeress clued up on! But as she talked, I could not help noticing that she had on one cheek a somewhat prominent mole out of which a single dark hair was growing. and it occurred to me for the very first time that I had often seen such moles in my life, with the single dark hair growing out of it - not near it, not beside it. but right in the middle of the mole, like a lone beech tree on one of those hilltops in the Chilterns, or along some of the

Wiltshire ridges near the M4. There must be a technical nume for such a mole. Do you know what it is?

Professor Wordsmith writes: Yes, there must be, No, I don't.

Keep those queries rolling in



### the commentators

# Staring down the barrel of an American icon

As the Dunblane inquiry unfolds, the British are thinking about firearms – amid ominous signs of the US gun culture taking root

for a policeman who sees a minor traffic offence committed in one of the worst areas of an Amer-

First he will pursue the offender, briefly dabbing his siren and flashing his swirling blue and red lights to indicate that the driver should stop. When - if - he does stop. the cop will draw up his big "cruiser" usually a Chevrolet Caprice - behind the car and slightly off to one side. The officer then shines dazzling spotlights on all the rear view mirrors of the offender's car to prevent him from seeing anything going on behind. If the approach has to be from the front, a much more dan-gerous position, he will tell the driver to place his hands on the dashboard where they can be seen.

Any attempt by the driver to get out of the car will be met by an order, shouted through a loudspeaker, to stay where he is. There is then a pause while the officer taps the registration number of the car into his computer. This computer will already have logged the precise location of the incident. If anything

et me take you through the standard operating procedure goes wrong, half a dozen other strength of the gun lobby with its cruisers will descend on the spot and illiterate and ahistorical reading of the computer will have produced an instant biography of whoever should be driving the offending car.

Finally the officer gets out and approaches the driver at an angle from the rear. He takes his licence and registration and returns to the cruiser to run elaborate computer checks. All this time the offender sits, immobile if he values his life and silhouetted in a brilliant pool of light. The atmosphere is rank with fear and suspicion. My skin - I am observing the incident in the front seat of the cruiser - is tingling with the anticipation of sudden violence, of the ambush that these cluttered alleys and rotting houses may, and sometimes do, conceal. And all this because a car had gone through a stop sign without stopping. There is only one reason for this

nightmarish ritual - guns. Guns are widely available in the United States and, as a result, even traffic law must be enforced in the worst inner city areas with the precautionary assumption that any driver might

come out shooting. Politicians, trapped by the

the constitutional "right to bear arms", can do nothing. They simply mouth platitudes about crime being caused by people, not guns. This claim is only partly true - a gun might well make a crime possible and, therefore, "cause" it - and, even if it were wholly true, since there will always be criminals, society must have a legitimate interest in limiting the damage they can do. Either way, on the matter of guns, American politicians talk flagrant nonsense

heard on his radio of two shootings a few miles to the south of where I sat. It was an average night. Yesterday, the Cullen inquiry into the Dunblane massacre opened: the British are thinking about guns. Of course, we can agree that the situa-tion here is nothing like that in America. There is no legal right to bear arms, restrictions on ownership

are relatively tight and, as a result,

and most of them, I suspect, know

it. They are, therefore, implicated in

the nightly carnage on American streets. Even as my officer was checking out this traffic offence, I



BRYAN APPLEYARD

at any moment, be shot. Nevertheless, those areas are

expanding. Guns are finding their way into the hands of British criminals. And they want them, they love them. Guns are almost sacred objects of desire. For, though we haven't imported law from America, we have certainly imported its cultural icons. And, thanks to movies, television and the nightly news, the gun is the most potent of contemporary icons. We now have a gun problem, even if, for the moment, it resides primarily in the more diseased regions of our imaginations.

And the point about guns is that they change everything. Carrying a gun gives you an enlarged area of clear that Dunblane was about guns the bad guy will always get a gun if none that run past our school control and influence. You can take and only guns. Even if we could all he really wants one. This is just as gates.

action at a distance and, in a gun culture, you must assume that others are similarly capable. Your sense of the world is fundamentally altered. The gun redefines any environment as threatening and yourself as decisively able to respond. A gun transports you to a different realm of possibilities.
This is the world which Lord

Cullen must consider. He must not be sidetracked by the more vaporous effusions that emerged in the immediate aftermath of Dunblane. All sorts of grand cultural generalisations can be constructed on speculations about the mind of Thomas Hamilton. Most will be wrong, but all will be irrelevant. Minds like that will always be with us. What counts here is the extent to which such psyches can find murderous expression in the environ-ment in which they find themselves, and this must be Cullen's sole concern. Analyse certainly, understand maybe, but, above all, stop. Attempt, by whatever means, to

remove the possibility. Seen from this perspective, it is

agree on the wider condition and recent history of society, we could do little about it. Even the more practical matter of school security is a hy-product of the gunman's freedom of action at a distance. And, in any case, fortifying our schools is one more step down the road to inner city America where children pass through metal detectors on their way to class. Maybe we have to do it, but

the heart of the matter. No, guns are the point. Guns empower and inflame psychosis, guns render feeble and inessential the complexities of human contact, guns "solve" problems in ways that mere language or even fists and knives can never do. Whose deli-cious, thrilling irony led to the Colt 45 being christened the "peace-maker"? The irony of those it killed.

we shouldn't kid ourselves that it is

So Cullen must confront the gun. He must also confront the fledgling gun lobby that exists in this country. Already we have heard the American argument that guns don't kill, people do - though, over here, its form is: no matter how tight the law, since it casts the same hypocritical glow of respectability over an idea whose true form is: we want guns and you shouldn't try to stop us.

In fact, there should be almost no limit to how far we should go to suppress guns. Perhaps farmers may really need them, but hunters don't. And shooting as sport is disgusting, a way of playing at killing. So, a few shotguns aside, there is no reason why we should not aim for a completely gun-free society.

Cullen should not evade this aspiration because it is now his job to affirm the possibility of such a society. The spread of illegal guns is a sign that, even with our restrictions, we are vulnerable to the possibility of a gun culture. The American example should teach us that now is the time to replace gun fascination with gun disgust. Of course, realistically we can accept that there will always be lines in the men with guns. But, equally realistically, we can insist that no more lines should be drawn and certainly

# Don't swallow the Provos' line

erry Adams said speech to the Sinn Fein Ard Fheis, that republicans had to engage in the battle of ideas. When Adams starts talking about "ideas". I have to work very hard to stop laughing. These guys are not interested in "ideas". Adams, and the Provisionals in general, have never had a single "idea" beyond nationalism.

By "ideas" Adams simply

means strategic awareness. He is not seeking to persuade oppo-nents (Unionists) that his "idea" is best, but is seeking to enlist nationalists in a broad strategy. It is within what is broadly and somewhat lazily referred to as nationalist Ireland that the battle of ideas will be fought.

Unionists are not stupid and are well aware of what is going on. Pan-nationalism, or the nationalist consensus, call it what you will, is the single most dangerous "idea" in Ireland loday. The Provisionals in their win internal document said that they were prepared to opt for an unarmed strategy because they had got Fianna Fail, the SDLP and Irish America to agree to their basic republican principles. Of course they still held on to their guns and Semtex. Why? Because they believe, and Martin McGuinness has said this publicly, that Unionists may resist, that there could be a backlash, but it would be fairly

easy to "put down". There cannot be real peace in Ireland until Irish nationalism stops trying to undermine the very existence of Northern Ireland. While nationalists and Provisionals differ only on the methods of subversion, an escalation is inevitable in the long term. Very little has changed inside the Provisional world and very little ever will. Provisionalism is a monster and will not be bought off or appeased. If constitutional nationalism does not disentangle itself we are likely heading for violence on a scale we have not yet seen. So why do people join the

Sean O'Callaghan, a former IRA member, is serving 20 years for murder. As Northern Ireland goes to the polls, in preparation for possible all-party talks, he warns nationalists against any alliance with the IRA

ensures that there is no shortage of recruits. Family background often plays a part; close relatives may have been killed or imprisoned because of their republican activities.

Most people who join the IRA in Northern Ireland do not, in my experience, join because of a considered rational decision to advance the IRA's goal of a 32-county Socialist Republic. The decision is invariably an emotional one. The experience of living in

Provisionalism is a monster and will not be bought off or appeased

ghetto areas where the IRA are seen as defenders against the "prods and the Brits" must never be underestimated. Joining the IRA in certain republican areas is regarded as an honourable, sometimes the only honourable thing to do.

Peer pressure, status within the community. The attraction of the "secret army" and the excitement thereby engendered in young lives otherwise deprived of hope or passion for the future. These are the factors that propel uneducated and immature young people into the ranks of the IRA. A simplistic version of Irish (nationalist) history imbibed at home and school does the rest, providing the nec-

nature of Northern Ireland essary historical and moral cocoon that justifies, in the minds of IRA volunteers, the most revolting acts of violence.

A clear distinction should be

made between the broad republican leadership and the young cannon fodder on the ground who do the dirty work for that utterly cynical leader-ship. Maximum blame for the obscenity that is provisionalism must be placed where it belongs, at the door of Adams, McGuinness and the other leading strategists.

Why do people leave the IRA? Fear of imprisonment and violent death. Some are not "tough" enough for the violence. Sometimes a long period of imprisonment provides time for reflection but this is unusual. The IRA tends to keep a very tight hold on its prisoners. Prison is where the real political indoctrination takes place; where the "soft" are separated from the "hard core". Marriage sometimes breaks the link: partner may not share the same views. The arrival of children can sometimes bring a maturity. But, in terms of IRA volunteers in Northern Ireland, family and community pressures often militate against a clean break. Often it is only by leaving the area - not so easy that people find the courage to

leave it all behind them. Up until now I have concentrated on IRA recruits from Northern Ireland. There are clear distinctions between them and IRA volunteers from the Irish Republic. In the south, community or peer pressure



The decision to join the IRA is, invariably, an emotional one,' says O'Callaghan (pictured above), himself a former member Main photograph: PA

does not exist. There are no republican ghettos, no "Brits" or "prods" to hate. We are left, almost invariably, with a fam-ily history of republican involve-ment. The historical legacy of a state brought into being by republican violence is powerful: the notion that "Brits" only understand force.

I was born in County Kerry in the Irish Republic and joined the IRA at 15 in 1970. Why? Youthful adventurism, misguided idealism, the emotional impact of the pogroms of 1969. The experience of meeting Catholic refugees who fled south after being burned out of their homes in Belfast. A family history soaked in republicanism. The entire nationalist/republican ethos which reigned unchallenged in the Ireland of youth. Any number of reasons explain my joining up, but of course it was me that committed murder. My fault. I alone take the blame for that. Why did I leave? Because

nothing in my background had prepared me for the awful sectarianism that fuels northern nationalist fundamentalists. It is that "hard edge" which oftendistinguishes southern from northern IRA volunteers. After about 18 months in Northern Ireland I realised that I was taking part in a sectarian war directed primarily against the Protestant, Unionist people of Northern Ireland. So I resigned.



So what should be done to should have the power to proabout the IRA? The Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA), or something similar, is absolutely necessary in the fight against terrorism. I have never met anybody who joined the IRA because of the PTA. I never will continue to have the capacheard it discussed within the IRA at any level. The PTA is necessary but it will not, of itself,

stop IRA attacks in Britain. Most IRA attacks in Britain originate from the Irish Republic. In the absence of vigorous action against the IRA in the Irish Republic, it is even more necessary that the British police

tect people from terrorists. Until a clear and co-ordinated strategy against terrorism, involving the security forces in Northern Ireland, the Irish Republic and mainland Britain, is formulated, the IRA

ity to bomb England almost at their leisure. A longer version of this article is published in the June edition of New Dialogue News, £1,

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### . Are Gazza's in-flight antics his last hurrah?

Age is catching up on football's fool in a shell-suit. Who will be the jester's successor, asks Jim White

very four years, Australia's test cricketers board a plane in Sydney heading for the Ashes tour of England. Once strapped into their seats, the months of rigorous preparation begin to pay off as they embark on the biggest venture of their sporting lives, the ultimate test to prove they are the finest-ever examples of Australian manhood ever to leave their shores: the fouryearly challenge to drink the in-flight

trolley dry.

The Aussie Ashes boozathon is now steeped in as much tradition and arcanery as the game itself. Bearded statisticians will be able to tell you which left-hander consumed the most banana daiquiris between Singapore and Abu Dhabi. The big title, however, is held by David Boon. Before the last Ashes tour here in 1993, the moustachiced opening batsman set a new allcomers' record when he drank a staggering 57 cans of lager while still

In comparison to Boon, Paul Gascoigne is an amateur in-flight boozer, his experience limited to short hops from Rome, a couple of sniffs of a hottess's apron sufficient to addle his brain. Yet, while Boon can consume most of the output of Toohey's brewery on a plane without a hint of press interest, the moment Gazza hosts a

The headlines roared with indignation yesterday as the Geordie lad's antics on the return flight from the England football team's tour to the Far East provoked a bout of handwringing hysteria everywhere from the Daily Express to the Tory backbenches. The point is David Boon doesn't

provoke press inquiry because he isn't Gazza. In-flight lager excess apart, Boon displays little of interest to the headline-writing world. He has never, for instance, stuck his tongue out at the camera during the singing of the national anthem; has never, when asked by a Scandinavian journalist if he had a message for Norwegians everywhere, suggested that they can all f\*\*\* off; has never, when challenged by the News of the World over allegations that he had enjoyed a three-ina-bed romp with a model and her friend, responded that the girl couldn't count because, as he recalled, his mate Terry was in there as well. Boon is just a sportsman who, every four years, has a few drinks on a plane. What Paul Gascoigne did to celebrate his 29th birthday aboard a Cathay Pacific 747 was something else entirely: it was Gazza having a few drinks on a plane. Like the poor, Gazza is always with

party in first class it is all over the front pages.

us, forever providing us with an opportunity for moral outrage. His very nickname has come to symbolise all those aspects of our national character we find most embarrassing, the ones which provide the most opportunity for self-flagellation, traits like yobbery. drunkenness and wearing shell-suit trousers in first class.

> Like the poor, Gazza is always with us, provoking moral outrage

And the great thing about Gazza is that he is incorrigible. For six years, since he burst into our consciousness at the 1990 World Cup, he has maintained his high output of outbursts: swearing, belching, wife-abusing. He may have earned enough to keep Jimmy Five Bellies in beer for a lifetime, but money has not softened him; he may have spent three years in Rome, but not for a moment did any of the eternal city's sophistication rub off on to his wobbly jowls; he may have spent the last year in Scotland, well away from Fleet Street and its spies, yet a steady stream of Gazza stories have percolated southwards. Nothing

he does is original, nothing fresh, nothing as revelatory or damaging as some of his colleagues drug and bribery escapades. It is the steady drip drip of silly Gazza-ness which is the essence that keeps us entertained. The worrying thing about this lat-

est Gazza controversy is, however, the sense that it might be his last hurrah. Now 29 and slowed by injury, Euro 96 may well provide his final big chance to behave childishly before. during or after a major tournament. Yobbery commentators everywhere are exercising themselves with the important question: who can follow

English football has traditionally done its bit to encourage a state of advanced puerility in its protagonists. The very seating arrangements during Gazza's flight were instructive. While the lads were billeted on the top deck of the plane, Terry Venables and the other FA officials were on the lower; indulgent grown-ups absenting themselves downstairs while the kids partied above their heads. The Far East tour was, according to Venables, a great opportunity to cement team spirit, which is football-speak for get-

ting legless together. Yet an influx of continental players with their fancy ideas about diet and how the athlete's body should not be abused by Australian levels of alcohol input are threatening the yob production line. Vinny Jones, for instance, the man who once bit off a reporter's nose, has let it be known he has been inspired by Eric Cantona's new-found self-control to rein in his own excesses.

There are redoubts of yobbery -

Nottingham Forest players getting frisky on a summer tour to Spain, Robbie Fowler being naughty in hotel rooms - but few have yet to show Gazza's asionishing consistency. Worse, England's new generation of leading lads show little sign of even trying to emulate him. Potential successors like Jamie Redknapp, David James and Steve McMana-man, who call themselves the Liverpool Hombres and spend unfeasible amounts on smart suits, smarter cars and even smarter entertainments, would never allow themselves to be photographed wearing a pair of false breasts while standing on the top deck of an open bus. No chance: it might scupper their latest modelling

contract. Indeed when Gazza goes, we may well have to look to another sport to find a fool to vility. Fortunate, then, for cricket's public image that David Boon is to retire before next year's

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### Scottish tipped to raise water stakes

#### MICHAEL HARRISON

Scottish Power was last night being tipped to raise the stakes again in the bid battle for Southern Water by topping the £1.6bn agreed offer tabled by the neighbouring utility Southem Electric. Meanwhile, it emerged that

the Southern Electric bid, if successful, could lead to 1,000 job losses among the combined workforce of 10,500 and the closure of Southern Water's Worthing headquarters in West

As Southern Electric moved into the market, paying £150m for a stake of just under 10 per cent in Southern Water, the City was divided on whether Scottish Power would escalate the bid battle. Some analysts speculated that it might turn its attention to another water company. But the favoured view was that the Scottish utility would increase its terms from the £1.56bn hostile bid launched on Tuesday. However, Scottish Power is under no pressure to rebid immediately and is likely

to bide it time before moving. Adam Forsyth of stockbro-kers NatWest Markets, said: There are advantages and strategic logic in both bids. On balance it is more likely that Scottish Power will up the

He estimates that a merger of Southern Electric and Southern Water would produce cost savings of £45m a year. The savings for Scottish Power would be lower at £30m but a successful takeover would increase its customer base by two million and give it access to the gas and elec-tricity markets in the south of

Last night Scottish Power issued a statement attacking Southern Electric's offer and reiterating its commitment to a multi-utility strategy "but only on terms which create value for shareholders".

Murray Stuart, Scottish Power's chairman, said the rival bid was "reactive, defensive and does not enhance competition". His chief executive, Ian Robinson, added that the move amounted to a "strategy on the rebound following its failure to merge with National Power and did nothing for customers while offering the prospect of significant job losses below board level.

Southern Electric hit back immediately, saying: "Scottish Power's statement completely misses the point which is that we have come out with a higher offer which has been recommended by the Southern Water

board." Southern Electric is offering



Complementary skills: Geoffrey Wilson, Southern Electric chairman (left) and William Courtney, Southern Water chairman Photograph: Colin McKillop

for every Southern Water share. valuing its offer at £10.03 a share at last night's closing price. There is a cash alternative of

Scottish Power's cash and shares offer is worth £9.74 a share at last night's closing price. Its full cash alternative is worth 935.7p.

If the Southern Electric bid succeeds it would create a companies share about 700,000 merged utility with 2.6 million customers - more than a quar-

customers covering an area with a population of 8 million stretching from the North Sea coastline of Kent across to Weymouth in Dorset.

But there would also be job losses in the two companies' core regulated businesses because of duplication in metering, billing and information technology functions. The two

man on rail, Brian Wilson, said

Prism's main costs, track access

charges and train leasing, were

fixed. "It is hard to see where

ing to come from other than

staff cuts and fare increases."

Meanwhile, Opraf, the rail

ter of Southern Electric's domestic market. A merger could save perhaps £25m in annual salaries and £20m in IT costs.

But Jim Forbes of Southern Electric, who would become chief executive officer of the combined group, insisted that the merger was not a defensive move to protect its own market. The objective was to grow the customer base by as much as 4 million, creating jobs in the

process in both the regulated stands out like sore thumb." and non-regulated divisions of the two companies.

Southern Electric said it had been holding general discussions with its neighbouring utility for more than a year but had only begun talking serious merger terms last Friday when it became known that Scottish Power was preparing to make an offer. Mr Forbes said: "The business sense in this deal

But Scottish Power's Ian Robinson said: "In the last two years Southern Electric has failed to merge with Midlands Electricity, has failed to acquire Sweb and in its attempt to be taken over by National Power. This latest move is strategy on the re-

bound: a lunge into a new sector within weeks of it recomme nding the National Power bid."

### **Bid fever** boosts shares

MICHAEL HARRISON

Shares in water companies raced ahead yesterday as takeover fever spilled into the rest of the sector amid speculation that other electricity groups and overseas utilities were preparing to pounce. Among the rumoured bidders

were PowerGen and National Power, both of which have been barred from acquiring regional electricity companies, Eastern Group, now part of Hanson, and French and US utilities.

Anglian Water saw its shares rise 27p to 599p while Severn Trent was up 34p at 595p. Thames rose 35p at 599p and Wessex Water rose 28p to 360p. Alan Smith, chief executive of

Anglian, one of the favoured takeover targets, sought to dampen bid speculation, saying We have had no approaches ourselves and, while we constantly monitor the water and other utilities we have not seen any deal which would beneat our shareholders. We would move if we saw something that was right but we haven't yet." Anglian and Eastern had ex-

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amined a merger, he added, but paying the bid premium required.

Mr Smith was speaking as Anglian unveiled a 4 per cent rise in pre-tax profits last year to £238.6m and a 15 per cent increase in the dividend for the

year to 30p.

Despite being the driest area of the UK with rain levels in some places on a par with Israel and Morocco, Anglian survived last summer's drought without

### Soaring Prism renews rail sale attack

#### **MAGNUS GRIMOND**

The Government's controversial railway privatisation came under renewed attack vesterday as Prism Rail, the UK's first pure railway company to be quoted since the 1940s, saw its shares more than double on the first day of dealings vesterday. Earlier this month, it won the

franchise for the London, Tilbury and Southend "misery line" after the original management team were dropped amidst allegations of fraud. Prism's shares soared from

the 100p price at which they were placed on the Alternative Investment Market to end the day at 205p, valuing the com-pany at 420.0m and chairman Godfrey Burley's stake at around £1.2m. But the windfall for Prism

shareholders, coming a week after shares in the Jarvis construction group soured on news it had acquired a former British Rail maintenance company. drew criticism that the LTS franchise had been sold on the

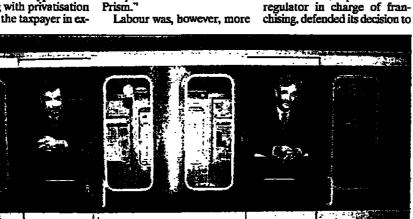
Jonathan Bray, co-ordinator tra subsidy increases, while cautious yesterday. Its spokes-Railways commented: "It's no surprise that Prism's shares are going up when they plan to run fewer services than British Rail and charge the taxpayer more for doing it.
"Today's news typifies all

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of campaign group Save Our profits for companies like Prism go through the roof. "If Labour are elected we will

be pressing them to ensure that all the £2bn annual subsidy to the rail industry goes into improving services, not into lining the pockets of the likes of



Just the ticket: Godfrey Burley, chairman of Prism Rail (left), who became a paper millionaire, and Bob Howells, chairman of LTS Rail Photograph: Edward Webb

#### award the LTS route to Prism. A spokesman said the company's bid to run the service at a cost of £29.5m in the 1996-97 financial year, dropping to else the industry's profits are go- £11.2m in 2010-2011, the last

year of the franchise, was "significantly" less than BR's offer, which was worth £34.6m in the current year. The company's offer was also below the management team's bid and had also been tested against thirdparty bidders.
"If the market thinks it an attractive company to invest in.

then the market must decide for itself. But they have promised to bring in new services, buy new rolling stock, open a new station at West Ham and improve passenger charter standards, all for significantly less money," the spokesman added. Tim Worlledge, a director of Williams de Broe, nominated

sponsors and advisers to the company's AIM listing, denied they had got the pricing wrong. "It was placed in our view at the right sort of level. A majority of shareholders wanted to stay

### Cuban pull-out increases pressure on UK bosses

#### PHIL DAVISON

The prospect of leading British businessmen being barred from entering the US grew yesterday as the first big company began pulling out of Cuba in response to a controversial new Washington law against investment in the communist-led Caribbean island.

Under the so-called Helms-Burton law, companies doing business in Cuba, including British firms such as tobacco giant BAT and sugar trader ED and F Man, could later be ordered to give up their holdings in Cuba or face charges in the US. Company directors could also be refused US visas, even

for holidays.
US and Mexican officials said Cemex, one of the world's largest cement producers, had terminated a contract under which it managed a plant with the Cuban authorities in the town of Mariel. The company

had begun pulling its staff out of Cuba, the officials said. Cemex's billionaire chief ex-

ecutive Lorenzo Zambrano was

reported last week to be on a US "black list" of those perceived as the biggest violators of the new legislation. US officials said Mr Zambrano was likely to be among those receiving a warning letter countries with most investments from the US State Depart-

ment, saying he might be barred from the US for "trafficking" with Cuba. By "trafficking," the law means engaging in joint ven-tures with Fidel Castro's communist regime on property confiscated by the Cuban president after his 1959 revolution. The Mariel plant managed by

Cemex, for example, is claimed by an American firm, Lone Star Industries. The law, signed by President

Bill Clinton in February after Cuba shot down two American Florida Straits, has opened a conglomerate ITT.

Pandora's Box of possible future litigation in the US over who owns what in Cuba.

Foreign firms operating in Cuba can be sued in the US for using property confiscated by Mr Castro's regime - which includes virtually every farm and factory. The governments of the

on the island - mainly Mexico, Canada and the European Union - have strongly protested against the law as contrary to free trade agreements. US officials said the first

warning letters to the "worst violators" were being sent out yesterday to three large investors - Mexican telephone company Grupo Domos, Canadian mining company Sherritt International Corporation and Italian phone company Stet.

The officials said Stet's investment involved "trafficking" in property owned before the civilian light aircraft in the revolution by US electronics

### Granada dismisses Forte's 'cherry-picking' bid

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#### **MATHEW HORSMAN**

Granada, the media and leisure giant, has rejected out of hand what insiders dismissed as a cherry-picking" (1bn bid by Sir Rocco Forte for a selection of Granada's Exclusive and Meridien hotels.

Sir Rocco made his formal offer for most of the Meridien chain and some of the Exclusives late last week, but informed sources within Granada said the price was between 20 per cent and 30 per cent below the valuations Granada had established for the properties. In a statement released last night, Sir Rocco said: "I am

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sorry Granada has decided not to follow up what we consider to be a good offer." Sir Rocco, who earlier this year lost a bitter battle for his

family company, Forte, could call upon as much as £2bn to buy back some of the hotels he lost in the £3.9bn takeover. sources in the Forte camp said. Backing Sir Rocco are ven-

ture capital firms CinVen, Pru Venture Management and Electra Fleming, JP Morgan has arranged debt financing, with the support of Midland, SBC Warburg and UBS. The offer was formally re-

jected by Granada on Wednesday. A close source to Granada

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said: "Given the nature of [Sir Rocco's) backing, and the returns that venture capital firms demand, it is unlikely that he could have bid a price acceptable to Granada and kept his investors happy."

A source close to Sir Rocco said: "He has obviously put to-gether a plan for buying hotels, and he knows this business well. It seems clear that financial institutions are comfortable with the valuations he has put on the hotels he would like to buy." Granada last week confirmed

it would sell by auction 17 Exclusive hotels but would retain for the "immediate future" the Meridien hotel chain, on the

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memorandum containing details of the auction has already beca sent to some prospective buyers.

Granada is prepared to entertain bids for individual properties, or for groups of properties, but has precise tar-gets in mind for the range of luxury hotels, which include the Grosvenor House in London and Westbury in New York.

"We were happy to entertain [Sir Rocco's] offer, but were not interested in a cherry-picking exercise," a source familiar with the sale talks said. "We believe that we can generate better value for Granada shareholders

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books at about £900m. A sales by keeping and developing the Meridien hotels." The City expects Granada to

review its policy on Meridien at a later date, possibly selling the chain once yields have improved. A Granada source said yesterday that the company was open to an offer from Sir Rocco for the properties it has identified for sale. But Sir Rocco, whose aim is to rebuild a chain of upmarket hotels, said: "We have no interest in buying the Ex-clusive hotels without Meridien

nities available to pursue. It is believed that yields at the Exclusive are sharply lower than those at Meridien, but

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Granada still expects to send out more than 100 sales memoran-

da in the next few days.
The sale of the Exclusive hotels marks the start of a massive disposal programme at Granada, which is aiming to pay down the debt it took on to win its takeover of Forte. It has also earmarked Forte's 68 per cent stake in the Savoy Group of hotels, as well as a stake in Alpha Airports and Forte's chain of Welcome Break motorway service areas.

It is keeping Forte's mid-market and budget hotels, as well as the chain of roadside restaurants trading as Happy Eater and Little Chef.

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### Windfall due for dairy farmers

#### MAGNUS GRIMOND

are set for a windfall of between £7,000 and £10,000 each following the flotation of Dairy Crest, the marketing arm of the old Milk Marketing Board best known for its Clover spreads and Yoplait yoghurts. Dairy Crest, whose market

Nearly 30,000 dairy farmers

lébut was prevented two years ago by the upheaval in the milk market following deregulation. is expected to be valued at between £200m and £250m following the listing of the company in August

Sir Derek Andrews, chairman of the Residuary Milk Marketing Board, which now owns Dairy Crest on behalf of dairy farmers, revealed that they had been approached over the past few months about a trade sale for all or part of the group. Although these approaches

never got to the stage of discussing a price, they were rejected in favour of a flotation. "Although other methods of disposal were not excluded, there was a clear presumption in the legislation in favour of floating Dairy Crest." he said.

One of Dairy Crest's main considerations was that a majority of producers, and certainly the National Farmers Union, had expressed a preference in favour of setting up Dairy Crest as an independent third force

alongside existing dairy com-panies, Sir Derek added.

Dairy Crest will rank behind Northern Foods, owner of Express Dairies, and roughly equal with Unigate in the dairy food sector. A proportion of shares, expected to be between 25 and 30 per cent, will be placed with City institutions, raising the £66m necessary to repay debts to so-called rolling fund producers who had part of the proceeds of milk sales in the 1993/94 financial year withheld by the old MMB.

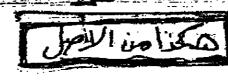
Around 28,000 rolling fund producers who are also socalled eligible producers, those registered under the milk marketing scheme in 1992/93, will benefit from the sale, plus a further 1,400 farmers who fall into one category or the other.

Dairy Crest has been transformed over the past six years, with the sale or closure of many of its creameries and doorstep delivery depots as it concentrated on higher added value areas such as spreads, yoghurts and mature cheddar.

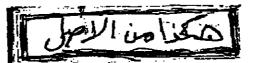
Profits have fluctuated under the impact of massive restructuring provisions, the loss of parts of the business and pressure on margins as a result of deregulation.

Yesterday it reported a hyper cent rise in the pre-tax total to £37.4m for the year to March. Investment column, page 22













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somebody else? After all, there are plenty of other English water companies, lots more fish in the pond'

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prospect of the winner seriously overpaying. From this side of the fence at least, both offers look equally questionable. Scottish Power's bid is little more than a glorious piece of management empire-building south of the border, a noble enough cause no doubt, but of no ultimate value to anyone.

And Southern Electric's bid looks defensive, half-hearted and a little bit desperate. It probably wouldn't be bidding at all but for the threatened Scottish encroachment on its territory. Certainly its claim that "the business sense of the deal sticks out like a sore thumb" is curious. If that were the case why did Southern consider merging with Midlands Electricity, then daily with South Western Electricity and South South Western Electricity, and finally get to the stage of reading the banns with National Power only for Ian Lang to put his oar in. It now emerges that all these alternatives were no more than flirtatious preparations for the "real thing", that attractive young lass from next door, Southern Water. Whatever Southern's management now

thinks, its own shareholders are feeling just a little bit uncomfortable. Overnight Southern's position has been transformed from bid target to bidder. Not many months ago,

were underwriting a bid for Southern Water at 655p a share. A few sore thumbs there.

With 10 per cent of the stock now firmly in the Southern Electric camp, Scottish plainly has a bit of a hill to climb. Would it not be better to beat a statesman-like retreat now and bid for somebody else? After all, there are plenty of other English water companies, lots more fish in the pond. Here are two reasons why Scottish is unlikely to be fol-lowing this course - not unless there is a sudden rush of common sense to the head, anyway. One is that much time and effort has already been invested in bidding for Southern Water. It would be just too exhausting to start all over again. Another is that even if it did, Scottish could easily find itself in exactly the same position, with the water company of choice receiving a defensive bid from the local electricity company. So fight to the death it is. Southern Water's shareholders must be finding it hard to believe their hick. What fup.

When Swiss analysis goes completely cuckoo

Well, there's a thing. The two Swiss organisations which used jointly to produce the only serious attempt to rank countries by their competitiveness have this year gone their own separate ways. And yes,

World Economic Forum's divorce from the Institute for International Management Development was perhaps inevitable for the two seem to have radically different views of what matters in economic success.

You could characterise their respective standpoints a Conservative world view and a Labour world-view. The WEF thinks flexibility, minimal government and openness of the economy are the most important factors in competitiveness and future growth. Much of the analysis of the UK's competitive improvement in its report today will be backed by tomorrow's survey of the British

economy from the OECD.

The IMD puts its faith more heavily in investment, skills and infrastructure, just like the shadow Chancellor Gordon Brown. So Britain has gone down in the IMD league even as it has gone up in WEF rankings. If these conflicting findings mean anything at all, it is the idiocy of trying to sum up an economy's competitiveness in a single and necessarily arbitrary number. For there are several equally important dimensions to international advantage. One is the ability to export. Factors such as the level of the exchange rate, the costs of production and the absence of tariffs and other barriers to

trade are what matter here. A second is the ability to attract international investment. This is influenced by, for instance, geography and infrastructure, the

tion of a country's ability to deliver rising prosperity to its citizens. Education, investment and entrepreneurship are what matter here.

There is nothing wrong with benchmarking. It has proved useful at a corporate level and there is no reason why it should not be applied constructively at the national level too. Equally it would be wrong to see the differing findings of these two competitiveness leagues as evidence of their worthlessness. If you disaggregate what lies behind them, they are not at odds with each other. It makes perfect sense to say the UK scores well on openness and competition but badly on education and skills.

The daftness comes in the headline-seeking rankings which try to summarise a country in a single ill-defined number. Up three or down four places? In front of or behind Finland? The answer is as irrelevant as it is meaningless.

#### 'Misery line' produces plenty of cheer

Somebody clearly knows something about brail franchises that the government appears to have missed. Shares in Prism, the first train operating company to be quoted on the stock market since nationalisation of the railways in 1947, doubled on their first

'misery line" from London to Tilbury and Southend. It was a far from miserable day for the new owners of the line, who were the second time winners

A management buyout team was kicked out in February, after allegations of ticketing fraud, and the franchise process had to start again. Some of the premium can be explained away by the mania for new issues

at the moment. But not all.

Basically what it means is that the City thinks there's a big profit to be had in them

This is a touch embarrassing for Sir George Young, the transport secretary, because it suggests that at the first public test the market thinks he is selling franchises on the cheap - or rather with too high a subsidy, since potential franchisees compete on the level of government grant they judge can make an operation viable. In the case of the misery line, the initial subsidy is more than half the revenues, of £54m last year.

By cutting costs and jobs, introducing more flexible working for drivers and other staff, and no doubt raising fares where the rail regulator and passenger resistance per-mit, Prism could shortly be delivering all the state subsidy and some into the hands of shareholders. The City clearly thinks the scope for cost cuts and profit in these franchises dramatically bigger than the Gov-

### Two top international forecasters have reached widely \*differing views of Britain's competitiveness. How come?

DIANE COYLE Economics Editor

Britain has jumped three places higher in the world competitiveness league, pulling ahead of all other EU countries except Denmark, according to a report

published today. However, the finding contrasts with a rival league table published earlier this week which showed Britain slipping back, overtaken by Finland and Chile.

The two leagues also come up with different winners, with the US falling to fourth place behind Singapore, Hong Kong and New Zealand in today's report, but remaining top ahead of the two Asian countries in the

Singapore:

Hong Kong

**United States** 

Switzerland

Norway

Canada

Taiwan

Malaysia

Denmark

Australia

Japan

Finland:

Chile

Korea

Austria

Netherlands

∵UK

Thailand

of the tables.

The more optimistic assessment of British competitiveness today comes from the World Economic Forum, an international business organisation. Jeffrey Sachs, an eminent Harvard University professor, argues in its report that government regulation and big welfare states act as a hindrance to countries' growth

Britain therefore scores high relative to other European countries for its flexible labour market and low state pension burden. It climbs from 18th to 15th in the WEF's ratings. However, Germany slips

The 20 most competitive

from sixth to 22nd in its league

ranking has fallen in both cases, while Japan's is lower in one table. The WEF report comments: "Germany, together with many of its partners in the EU, ranks especially poorly in government and market flexi-

> A competing competitive-ness league published earlier this week by the Institute for International Management Development, a Swiss business school that collaborated with the WEF until this year, showed Britain dropping to 19th place from 15th last year and 11th seven years ago. The UK suffered from weak scores on the quality of management and workforce in the IMD's rankings, although the researchers rated it highly for information technology and

> > 10.55

Stephane Garelli, a professor at the IMD and University of Lausanne, said uneven reforms over a period of many years meant the standard of livg in Britain had fallen.

Both of the rival competitiveness scores combine hundreds of different measures ranging from economic fig-ures such as GDP per head and national savings to structural measures such as the number of mobile phones and competence of managers. The differences arise from the different weights they give to the various measures.

The World Economic Forum places heavy weight on openness to international trade and investment and on flexibility. Its report notes: "Five of the six most competitive nations

are small, open economies with relatively small governments and low tax rates." The United States comes in at number four, well ahead of Japan and Germany, while all

the Asian "tiger economies" make the top 20. Eastern European nations many advised in their economic reforms by Professor Sachs - and Latin American countries cluster at the bottom

of the league.
"These countries have not yet created the conditions to ensure sustained high rates of economic growth," the report says.

The competing IMD rankings also favour the dynamic Asian economies, They take six out of the top ten places, though the US remains at the top. Professor Garelli agreed that Germany's position had been affected by the crisis in its public finances and by high costs on business. Comment, this page

#### Two leading research groups have reached opposite conclusions

**World Economic Forum** 

Institute for Management Development

- UK UP from 18th to 15th place UK DOWN from 15th to 19th place.
- UK moves ahead of Germany Other EU countries slipping down competitiveness league

countries

UK government support for

Quality of UK roads and rail

telecommunications low

infrastructure good

UK languishes behind Germany

Mixed performances by other EU

- UK benefits from labour market UK suffers from labour market low skills and motivation costs deregulated, flexible, low
- Per capita investment in telecommunications high in UK
- Quality of UK road and rail infrastructure weak (low density per capita)
- UK has relatively high spending on R&D by firms, high level of patents granted
- UK weak on scientific education and no of qualified enginneers.
- Quality of UK management low Quality of UK management low.
- Singapore and Hong Kong top US, Singapore, HK remain world league, US down from 1st to 4th, Japan from 4th to 13th, Germany
- from 6th to 22nd Russia least competitive

top three, Germany down from 5th to10th

Russia least competitive

#### IN BRIEF

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German engineering firm KHD has filed a complaint against 15 people, including its deputy chairman, in a case of fraud that could cost the company DM650m (\$420.4m), prosecutors said. That is twice as high as Kloeckner-Humboldt-Deutz's total equity, making it difficult for the company's main shareholder, Deutsche Bank, to step in with financial assistance, analysts said. KHD cited the damages figure in a criminal complaint it filed late on Tuesday. Prosecutors are investigating top KHD has suspended on suspicion of fraud and embezzlement. KHD has suspended the chairman of its Humbold Medica with Photograph Chairman of the Ph the chairman of its Humboldt Wedag unit, Paul Hochscherf, who is also deputy chairman of the KHD group, and Wedag board members Lutz Hartmann, in charge of finances, and Hans Juergen Gaertner, director of cement plant operations. KHD chief finance officer Klaus Edelmann has taken on responsibility for Wedag's operations.

- with the government. Telecommunications minister Francois Fillon said that the sale of shares in the company would probably take place in the first half of 1997.
- France's trade gap widened in March. The seasonally adjusted trade surplus reached Fr12.1bn (£1.53bn), far higher than
- Scagram's first-quarter net income more than halved to \$23m from \$59m, way below expectations. Revenues almost doubled to \$2.5bn from \$1.3bn but the figures are not directly comparable because Seagram last year sold its stake in DuPont chemicals for \$3.2bn and bought an 80 per cent stake in film and entertainment company MCA for \$5.7bn.
- Shares in Novell fell as the US networking software company reported worse-than-expected second-quarter results. The company ran up losses of \$0.15 per share, almost twice the level of consensus Wall Street estimates. Novell cited a \$225 million inventory reduction for the loss.
- Christies International's sales in the six months to June are likely to be at a similar level as in the comparable period, the ancien group told its annual shareholders' meeting yesterday.

  The art market continues to be firm. The success rate of sales, measured by the proportion of lots sold to lots offered, had continued to improve. But it warned that 1995 benefited from the consignment of several very valuable collections.

### Carlton targets 'lifestyle' for cable TV

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

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Carlton, Michael Green's media company, plans a new strand of lifestyle programming for Cable Select, its cable channel, and is aiming to nearly double the number of hours it broadcasts on cable television.

The new service, which might run from noon until 5pm, is likely to feature food shows,

studios. The new service would precede the current schedule of ening programmes, which include repeats of Birds of a Feather and Lovejoy.

The project is part of Carl-ton's declared intention to grow organically, rather than through big, often expensive acquisi-

tions in the media sector.
"Whilst the opportunities for investing beyond our existing

the six months to 31 March. Mr Green added that recent inrestments in television, including TV stations in France, India and Singapore, were an example of exploring "the tangible opportunities [that] lie within

our existing busines Mr Green warned analysts against expecting a big acquisi-tion in the near future. Carlton has been suggested as a predator for many potential media targets, most recently HTV, ITV franchise-holder for Wales and the West, and Mirror Group, publishers of the Mirror newspaper titles.

The sector has been rife with takeover speculation in advance of further liberalisation of ownership rules, as promised in the new Broadcasting Bill. Carlton is also a partner,

with Mirror, in a consortium bidding for the rights to the Premier League. But it is understood the group is offering a revenue sharing deal with the 20 League clubs, and would not necessarily put up much of the £800m over five years expected to be generated by the new

Analysts were surprised by the strength of profit growth in the first half, which was struck on turnover up 6 per cent to £847.8m, and many upgraded their forecasts for the full year. The video and sound prod-

ucts division saw operating profits climb 46 per cent to £20.5m and has a strong order book for the second half. Elsewhere, the film and television services division rode

the increase in Hollywood film output to post operating profits ahead 33 per cent at £26.3m. The strong profit performance was in spite of flat results from the broadcasting division.

#### Frizzell, the broker and financial services company it bought in February, place its domestic insurance business. The plan now being con-£100m of business.

Liverpool

Victoria

threat to

**Lloyd's** 

Liverpool Victoria, the largest friendly society in the UK, is

considering plans to set up an insurance company to help

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sidered could mean Frizzell giving notice to the Lloyd's syndicate with which it currently places more than However, Liverpool Victo-

ria said yesterdayit would discuss all its options carefully with Lloyd's before any final decision was made. The aim of the discussions will be to avoid undue alarm being caused to the syndicate by any sudden loss of business. Talks are set to take place with Lloyd's shortly after the purchase of Frizzell clears its final regulatory hurdles next

Frizzell, based in Bournemouth, brokers household and motor cover for about 600,000 policyholders.

In the past five years the company, set up as a family business in 1923, has expanded into a number of other areas, including banking and independent financial advice. It also targets specialist affinity groups, especially white-collar trade unions.

In November 1992 the Frizzell family sold the entire group to Marsh McLennan, the US insurance broker and investment manager, for about £107m. Liverpool Vic-

toria's purchase of Frizzell cost £188m. Liverpool Victoria, found-ed in 1843, has a 1,500-strong sales force and more than a million clients. It manages £3.5bn of investors' funds.

Under its chief executive, Roy Hurley, the society, which specialises in traditional insurance, pensions and savings policies, has recently targeted women, often seen by the industry as less likely to start

their own personal pensions.

Although the bulk of its savers are traditionally from working-class communities, serviced by collectors who call on them every month, the society plans to use its acquisition of Frizzell to position itself more squarely in the Investment Column, page 22 | higher-income bracket.

### **Second Hong Kong runway**

It is expected that a key part be a disaster if only one runway of today's deal will involve an undertaking that Hong Kong's incoming Chinese administration will bear no responsibility for financing the cost of the second runway.

the airport will open with just the one runway in late 1997 or early 1988 because Sino-British political wrangling over airport financing has hitherto made it impossible to reach agreement on building the airport to spec-

Nearly every big international airline preparing to use the new airport has warned that it would were operational. Nevertheless, ternational competition for a share of the airport building work, which is worth a total of some HK\$60bn (£5.1bn) cost of the runway and associated work will be over HK\$4.6bn (£393m). Civil engineering and con-

over the world have homed in on the project because it is seen to be open to genuine international competition. Most of the main components of the airport and associated road and rail connections are being built by consortia. The contract to build the first runway, for example, is a joint venture between Britain's Alfred McAlpine and a New Zealand and Hong Kong company.
Other big British names, in-

cluding Trafalgar House, have also won airport contracts but the biggest winners have been Japanese companies.



NSPCC Gladren's day 1 May. Launching the A ory for children appeal.

business may be extensive, the prices required are often very home decoration and other Japan's industrial output rose 3.9 per cent in April from March, the Ministry of International Trade and Industry said. This followed a 6 per cent fall in March. Miti forecast output will climb demanding," Michael Green 'lifestyle" themes attractive to daytime audiences, much of it said in a statement yesterday as original programming produced at the company's Nottingham 3.4 per cent in May, more than its previous estimate. June outhe announced interim profits put is likely to fall because there will be fewer working days. A ahead 19 per cent to £143m in ministry official said output "maintained its gradual recovery trend". The French cabinet approved a bill that paves the way for the sale of a 49 per cent stake in France Telecom but leaves control

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STEPHEN VINES Hong Kong

Britain and China will today sign a landmark agreement to build second runway for Hong Kong's new airport, enlarging what is already the world's biggest single civil engineering project under construction.

ifications originally envisaged.

Passengers delayed: Sino-British wrangling nearly grounded plans for new airport

### Carlton offers Green pastures

steadily improving profits, based on a halanced mix of businesses in fast-growing sectors. He oversees the leading commercial TV company, owner of the London weekday and Central franchises, and the biggest contributor to ITV's peak viewing schedule with its slate of populist programming. And he has carefully expanded into cable TV without betting the bank account.

So why does poor old Carlton trade at a discount to the shares of the media darlings? One argument, of course, is that he angered investors in the late worth a look 1980s by selling shares - bailing out when others were willing to stay the course. Others don't like his aloof, often scornful style, and his highly secretive ways, and wonder why he hasn't made a big acquisition in anticipation of the relaxation of media ownership rules in the Broadcasting

Even yesterday's stellar interim profits - well ahead of forecasts - managed to put only 3p on the share price by the end of the day.

Pre-tax profits ahead 19 per cent at

£143.3m were all the more impressive given that broadcasting, representing by far the biggest slice of operating

profits, was flat year on year.
Solid growth came from the Technicolor operations, often criticised by analysts because they see it as a business stuck in a mature market. In the event. Hollywood's output of films has been on the increase, with more prints of big movies being made to feed wide release patterns in the US and, increasingly, elsewhere. Even the videocassette market - which is meant one day to disappear with the advent of video-on-demand - is showing very ro-bust growth. Profits rose 46 per cent in the video and sound products division, featuring Carlton's Quantel "tapeless" editing technology. Further good news is provided by the

advertising market, which is sure to improve this year. Procter & Gamble, which abandoned Carlton, will be back again in the summer, while revenues will be boosted by big sporting events and relatively robust econom-

With most of the trends pointing in the right direction, Carlton's promise to grow organically looks sensible, unless it can find an ITV company (perhaps HTV) at the right price.

Looking out, the shares at 481p are trading on an undemanding 16 times current year earnings of 30p, on the basis of £300m pre-tax profits, and 14.5 times on next year's £340m. While there are question marks about the loss of

Carlton's Michael Green has delivered 27 consecutive dividend increases and THE INVESTMENT COLUMN ness is highlighted by the group's warning that profits are likely to ease.

EDITED BY TOM STEVENSON

Carlton Communications: at a gla

Market value: £2.78bn, share price 481p

the levy from Channel 4 paid to ITV companies and growing competition from pay-TV, Carlton is set to do as well as any commercial TV group, and looks attractive at this price.

It's second time lucky for Dairy Crest, the marketing arm of the old Milk Marketing Board, which really is coming to the market. The first attempt to sell the company, Britain's second- or thirdlargest dairy products group, had to be pulled in 1994 as a result of the turmoil in the milk market caused by the Government's deregulation proposals.

Dairy Crest's history as an adjunct of a quango should not put off potential investors. Since 1990, new management led by chief executive John Houliston has dragged the group into the commercial world. Employee numbers have been slashed from 12,500 to 18 per cent last year. F Houliston has dragged the group into 3,400, working in 11 plants against 32 six years ago. Gearing of 132 per cent

Trading record

Earnings per share (pence)

Dividends per strare (pence)

Operating profit (half year)

- £61m

Tumlover (2m)

by division, £m

sound products £20.5m —

has turned into net cash of £3.5m. Results since 1990 have been distorted by the exceptional cost of this radical reshaping of the business, which has seen the dumping of most of the doorstep delivery business and a halving of the amount of liquid milk handled.

Combined with the margin squeeze caused by higher milk costs in the aftermath of deregulation, profits of £2.8m in 1994 represented a tenth of their level the year before. But there are signs Dairy Crest is emerging from the woods. Yesterday the group reported pre-tax profits up from £22.1m to £37.4m and said goodbye to exceptional charges that amounted to £11.2m in 1994-95.

Consumer foods like dairy spreads, where the group has the leading brand in Clover, and upmarket cheese, where it is also the leader after last year's Mendip acquisition, is nesses Dairy Crest bell key to future growth. Th margins remain low at But its exposure to a co

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et cheese, where	Six months ago Betterware began to
after last year's	show signs of having turned the cor-
one of the busi-	ner and yesterday's final figures for the
lieves holds the	year to March confirmed the rehabil-
he market in the	itation of a company whose share
p to 12 per cent	price rose tenfold in the two years be-
eddar sales grew	tween 1991 and 1993 but lost 80 per
But even here,	cent of that peak value in the follow-
5.3 per cent.	ing 18 months.
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Share price

ise from £3.3m to £10.2m was flattering. At the underlying level, however, stripping out one-offs and ignoring the losses from discontinued sinesses, the core direct selling operation saw a healthy rise in profits om £5.6m to £9.6m. That, and especially Betterware's impressive cash flow meant a one-off 2.6p special dividend was added to an unchanged 2.6p payout to use up some of the company's £10m cash

this year as a result of the recent fall

in skimmed milk and butter fat prices.

A forward multiple of around 10,

omewhat below Northern Foods and

Unigate, would seem reasonable in

view of the risks. Assuming profits rise

to around £39m this year, the shares

are worth buying up to a market capitalisation value of £250m or so.

for Betterware

Betterware was one of those go-go

stantial when things started to go

wrong a couple of years ago. Depen-

dent on armies of part-time door-to-

door salesmen, when recruitment stumbled, sales fell and profits came

shares that looked worryingly ins

tumbling after.

The good news is that the momentum of the past year has continued in the first quarter of the current year. A redesign of the catalogue, new prod-ucts and better trained staff are all paying off and the few brokers who follow Betterware were yesterday nudging up their forecasts to about £10.5m for the current year.

On that basis earnings per share of around 6.7p would put the shares on a prospective price-earnings ratio of 15 at yesterday's 98.5p, up 6.5p. That compares favourably with the forecast growth rate, but after the gyrations of recent years, and the risks inherent in planned moves overseas, so it should.

### Yorkshire council fishes around for coat of arms'

CITY DIARY

NIGEL COPE

Problems of a politically incorrect nature at the newly formed East Riding of Yorkshire council which is replacing the old North Humberside council in Bridlington. The new body had been hoping to celebrate its links with the local fishing industry with a new coal of arms featuring a mermaid. Nothing wrong with that, you might think, only the mermaid in question featured "large

prominent breasts". Though popular with local fisherman, the mermaid's embonpoint proved too much for Doreen Clarke, a Labour councillors who described it as "inappropriate"
"You wouldn't use a naked man in the same circumstances," she said.

The council has replaced the mermaid with a seahorse.

Nigel Whittaker, the former Kingfisher director who was ousted in a boardroom shake-up last year, now claims to be so busy that he has given up his beloved marathon running.

Mr Whittaker regularly used to pound the streets in his quest for fitness but now says he can live without it. "The running was useful at Kingfisher to rid myself of the stresses and strains of the job. But I don't feel the need for it any more."

Not because he no longer has a job, you understand, but because he has several. Anyone ringing his London home is greeted by an answering machine informing you that this is "Nigel Whittaker corporate affairs

Terry Maher, the ex-Pentos chairman, has completed the first chapter of his first novel after four months' hard labour. At this rate the tome should be published some time in the next century. But in spite of the slow progress he is pleased with

We also know a little more of the plot - a kind of City thriller based on a dastardly takeover bid and unscrupnlous behaviour by all concerned. He would not confirm that the hero is a small, bespectacled man with a love of books but don't bet against it. "I don't want to give too much away," he says.

to the stock market soon.

public relations.

Mr Murray, 41, moved to

nications in Oxfordshire. He

the UK in 1985 when he

joined Shearwater Commu-

later moved to Bayer, the

ing the Atomic Energy Au-thority in 1992.

Arsenal has JVC, Newcastle

United has Newcastle Brown

Ale and Manchester United

has Sharp. Now Blackburn

Rovers has a sponsor to re-

place McEwans, one of Scot-

tish & Newcastle's beers. Step

forward the Co-Operative In-

surance Society, which is pay-

ing Blackburn an estimated

£4m over four years for the

chemicals group before join-

consultancy". So far his clients include "a privatised train company, an energy

six audit firms". Then there is government department work on issues such as mental health. And the odd directorship which includes Cardcash, the anti credit-card fraud group which floated on Aim recently. "I don't want to be working on something and grooming it for the market. I just want to do things I enjoy.

rector. He is Kevin Murray. who has been working in a similar capacity at AEA Technology, a de-merged part of the Atomic Energy Authority which is coming

Alan Shearer and Co. CTS said it was keen to back football due to its rising popularity and the decrease in incidents of hooliganism. This was before the England team re-arranged the club

# Attire-challenged: Mermaid dress sense declared non-PC

Mr Murray, who hails from Zimbabwe, will takeover from Peter Jones, who company and one of the big will remain on board in his previous position as head of

British Airways has completed the shake-up of its PR division with the appointment of a new communications di-

> honour of having its logo on the blue and white shirts of

class lounge on their flight

### **NEWSPAPERS SUPPORT** RECYCLING

Recycled paper made up 34.5% of the raw material for UK newspapers in 1995.

Source - Pulp & Paper Information Centre.

#### IN BRIEF

 Carlisle Group said Dev Pritchard, one of the original founders of Takare, the private nursing home chain, is to become joint chief executive to develop a portfolio of investment properties in the health-care sector. Mr Pritchard has also agreed to subscribe for £8.99m in shares at 10.57p in the property investment group. He will also be entitled to subscribe for further shares at the same price to raise about £11.6m, with Carlisle entitled to force him to buy the shares after five years. Existing Carlisle shareholders will receive a one-for-four bonus issue of ordinary shares with warrants allowing them to subscribe for further shares at 10.57p. The company reported a 1995 pre-tax loss of £4.06m, against prof-

• The Prudential is "examining a number of opportunities" to acquire another life insurer, according to the chairman, Sir Martin Jacomb. The aim is to grow the customer base, expand distribution capability, and increase market share, Sir Martin told shareholders at yesterday's annual meeting. The insurance group was also looking at the developments taking place in the building society movement, he said. Prudential said that its businesses both around the world and in the UK were performing well this year. Annual premium sales were up 4 per cent and single premium sales increased 12 per cent in the first quarter, a trend which has continued into the second quarter. Discussions with the Department of Trade and Industy about the group's "or-

 Rolls-Royce, the luxury car-making division of Vickers, said it was seeking new customers in eastern Europe. It has set up dealerships in Prague and is also looking at other countries, including Poland. It already has dealerships in Russia and Hungary. The drive for orders in new markets had helped keep sales buoyant. In the first three months to March, Rolls-Royce sold a total of 396 cars, up 12 per cent from a year earlier.

 Tibbett & Britten Group's trading for the year to date is in line with expectations, with an "encouraging" level of contract inquiries, the company told the annual meeting. In April, the group's North American business took over the operation of the Canada Safeway 500,000 square foot Vancouver Distribution Centre employing over 560 staff. Tendering activity remained high across the North American, international and UK businesses, the company said. It has appointed Edward Buchan as a non-executive director of the company from 1 July.

 City Technology Holdings will be valued at £75m-£80m when it floats on the main market next month. The company, founded and run by scientists from London's City University, will raise £45m through a simultaneous placing of shares. The price will be announced on 13 June and dealings will begin on 20 June. Operating profit rose from £4.8m to £5.8m in the year to June 1995 and stood at £2.9m in the six mouths to 31 December.

 Unichem, whose bid for rivals Lloyds Chemists has been kicked into touch by a monopolies investigation, said group turnover to the end of April showed increases in all three divisions. Sales were ahead in UK wholesaling, retail pharmacy and Portuguese wholesaling on a total and a like-for-like basis over last year, it told the annual meeting. It has completed submissions and presentations to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission panel investigating its bid for Lloyds and continues to expect a favourable outcome.

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Abacus Polar (I)	48.8m (31.4m)	4.49m (3.09m)	7.3p (5.9p)	1.83p (1.6p)
Anglian Water (F)	776m (720m)	239m (216m)	78.1p (66.4p)	30p (26p)
Dotterware (F)	61.4m (58.3m)	9.29m (1.01m)	5.9p (-1.2p)	5.2p (2.5p)
Borthwicks (F)	33.1m (29.1m)	1.5m (0.84m)	1.8p (1p)	1.3p (1.3p)
Bristol Evening Post (F)	61.2m (60.0m)	6.6cm (7.6m)	16.91p (19.65p)	14p (12.75p)
Caritos Communications (1)	848m (601m)	143m (120m)	15.3p (12.7p)	4.379 (3.72p)
Daveson Ind (F)	313m (414m)	3.9m (1.7m)	1.3p (-1.5p)	Sp (3p)
Havrille (1)	25.8m (17.1m)	2.00m (1.65m)	1.82p {1.53p}	0.5p <del>(-</del> )
McLaed Russel Hilgs (1)	\$5.3m (54.9m)	3.72m (2.86m)	4.75p (3.70p)	2.85p (2.75p)
Southern Electric (F)	1.600c (1.69bn)	62\$m (202m)	196.3p (67.1p)	38.3p (-)
Taxonis (F)	9.51m (4.84m)	1.11m (0.32m)	0.23p (0.12p)	0.07p (mil) .
Tandem Group (F)	18.13m (9.96m)	-2.19m (0.92m)	-4.15p (1.91p)	n3 (-)
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### Belhaven float to fund pubs expansion

TOM STEVENSON

Belhaven, Scotland's largest regional brewer, is planning to come to the market later this summer, ending 25 years of almost constant ownership

A planned £35m float provides a partial exit for venture capitalists who backed a £23.5m management buyout in 1993 from the company's last illfated owner, Ascot Holdings, the former Control Securities.

Most of the £18m raised in the flotation will be used to repay debts and set the balance sheet up for a proposed expansion of the company's managed pub

Belhaven started brewing on the site of its current brewery in Dunbar in 1719. It was a local operator until 1972 when it was equired by CCH Investments, which later changed its name to City Centre Restaurants and now owns restaurant chains including Garfunkels.

During the 1980s Control Securities, led by Ugandan Asian businessman Nasmu Virani, acquired the brewery not once but twice. In between, Raymond Miquel, the former head of whisky group Bell's, tried his hand at running the company.

Belhaven remained profitable even through Control Securities difficulties - it was badly hit by the collapse of the Bank of Credit & Commerce International - and the ultimate jailing of Mr Virani for two and a half years for his part in the bank's

In the year to March 1993, just before the buyout, profits of £2.6m were struck from sales of £24m. Latest reported figures showed a £4.2m profit from sales of £29.6m. Belhaven is an integrated

business with a brewery, drinks distribution operation and more than 60 pubs. It brews a portfolio of its own branded beers, which it sells together with third party beers, in particular from Bass, to its estate of eight managed and 56 tenanted pubs. As well as its cask conditioned ales, Belhaven has identified the

keg ale sector as an area of potential growth. It also has a range of premium bottled beers and does contract bottling and brewing for other brewers. Scotland is predominantly a free-trade market and Belhaven

has increased volumes in that market by 24 per cent in the past three years.

Six of its managed pubs have recently been restyled and up-

### New issues generate millionaire boffins

A computer software company with only 25 staff was valued on the stock market at £30m yesterday after its shares rose to a 60 per cent premium on their at Vickers, the defence group. first day of dealings.

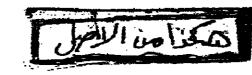
Shares in Recognition Sysused in database marketing, closed at 110p against the placing price of 70p. The placing raises £3.3m of new money which will be used for expansion The deal makes rich men of the two founders, David Bounds and Paul Gregory, who

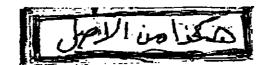
formed the company in 1989 and control 44 per cent of the stock. Though neither is selling shares, their combined stake is worth around £14m on paper. Professor Bounds, a former

professor of computer science and applied mathematics at Aston University, is a world authority on neural computing. Paul Gregory is a former head of product development

The sparkling début contin-ues the trend of academics tems, which develops software turning their companies into stock market successes. The directors of City Technology, a gas sensors company that issued its pathfinder prospectus yesterday, formed the company at

City University in London. The directors of Vanguard Medica working on a migraine treatment are all eminent scientists. All made paper fortunes this month when the company's shares soared to a big premium on their first day of dealings.





### market report/shares

### Vendome cushioned by talk of a Richemont buy up

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714.3m shares. 34,290 bargains Gilts Index 92.24 : -0.02

They climbed 16p to 645p (after 664p) as stories circulated Richemont intended to mop up the 30 per cent it does SHARE SPOTLIGHT not already own.

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Richemont split the Rothmans International tobacco business and the luxury goods operation into separate com-panies three years ago. Two years later it aston-ished many by bidding £1.6bn

for the 39 per cent of Rothmans it did not already own. Now the suspicion is Vendome will suffer the same fate. The Richemont assault on Rothmans was not the best kept secret and the way Ven-

dome shares have been behav-ing could suggest inspired buying. The shares (or units as they have been designated) are riding at a peak, almost double the split price. A year ago they were 475p.

Taking out the 30 per cent minority would cost around £1.4bn, a sum well within the fully ignoring profit down-

grasp of the immensely rich

Rupert family. nated by a flood of excitement in the water sector, Grand Metropolitan, the food and drinks group, again created in-terest, managing a 5p gain to 446p. Stories persist a dramatic reshaping is present the group reshaping is near. The group has admitted it has looked at the wisdom of splitting itself into two. The pressure for a revamp could be mounting. Guinness and Seagram, the Ca-nadian group, are rumoured to be looking at the Internation-

al Distillers & Vintners side

and Grandmet, like Thorn



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the biggest of the privatised wa-

ter companies, jumped 35p to 599p, the best performance by

a blue chip. Severn Trent was not far behind, up 34p at 595p. The market was agog with

theories about the next water

bid and just what Scottish-Power, up 6p at 325p, plans to do. It clearly has the ammuni-

tion to outgun SE but could de-

cide that any of the other water companies would meet

its needs, hence the upsurge.

SE strengthened its position

of the year EMI, could be encouraged to reconsider the advantages of a higher to 360p and Thame

harmonious break-up. The FT-SE 100 index ended 15.5 points higher at 3,775.7 with utilities providing the main inspiration. The not altogether surprising arrival of Southern Electric on the doorstep of its fellow utility, Southern Water, created fresh waves of excitement.

Southern Water jumped 46p (a two day gain of 306p) to 987p but the bidder suffered further anxiety, off 19p at 707p. Yorkshire Water, at least in

share price terms, put its recent humiliation behind it, gaining almost 10 per cent to 758p. Wessex splashed 8.4 per cent

Electricities drew some comfort from the frenzy with old takeover candidate Yorkshire

Electricity gaining 6p, to 755p.
Other utilities joined the fun. The often attacked British Gas added 7p to 184.5p and BT, reflecting the Morgan Stanley support, added a fur-

ther 8.5p to 348.5p. Elsewhere House of Fraser. the stores group, rose 8p to 185p on hopes of an encour-aging trading statement to-day. Allders fell 12p to 194p as the row over its decision to sell its duty free operation to BAA for £130m continued to rage. Swissair has, it seems, offered £145m. The large institutions are voicing their disquiet with PDFM, sitting on 22 per cent, said to be leading the revolt. The day's newcomers fared

by moving into the market, picking up almost 10 per cent of SW at 995p a share through well. Prism Rail, the first quoted railway services company since post-War nationalisation, Barclays de Zoete Wedd and made the sort of upbeat début

Tilbury & Southern line. The shares, placed at 100p, romped

10 205p. Vodafone, up 5p to 258p, was thought to have responded to bullish noises from ANB Amro Hoare Govert and Great Universal Stores added 10p to 669p as share buy back hopes

resurfaced.

Stentor, a fledgling Irish telephone group which arrived at 72p a few weeks ago, continued to ring the right numbers, up 10p to 113p.

Kalamazoo, a computer and stationery group, rose 28p to 143p on its £21,3m takeover of the European, automotive the European automotive

dealer systems of Datapoint.

Carlisle, the property company in the Nigel Wray orbit, fell 1.5p to 21.5p as Dev Pritchard, a founder of the Chicage pursing homes chain Takare nursing homes chain moved in with the intention of

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☐ Tarmaris, the nursing homes group, is on the verge of more acquisitions. The takeover of a 250-bed group is near and two more deals are likely to be completed in the next few months. The company, which increased the beds under its wing from 455 to 907 last year, hopes to con-trol around 2,000 by the end of the year. Its expansion could attract bid attention and there is talk of possible

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# Good reasons for putting the Mob under a microscope

To most people the subject of economics is a hody of knowledge, like history, and what's more a body of knowledge that is mostly wrong. On the other hand, economists see their discipline as a method of analysis, a particular way of trying to interpret the world, more like philosophy.

The usefulness - or otherwise - of economics as a tool is well illustrated by its application to problems which the ordinary person would not think of as a matter for economists at all. Take organised crime. A recent book\* applies economic analysis to this thorny subject and comes up with some surprising conclusions.

The motivation for the research many of whose authors are, not surprisingly, Italian - is the observation that the activities of organisations such as the Sicilian Maffa are driven by the desire to make money.

There is no reason they should not be analysed like any other business

As in any other business, criminal activity can take several forms. Broadly speaking criminal "firms" operate in either very competitive markets, such as loan sharking and prostitution, or in oligopolistic ones, such as money laundering and narcotics smuggling, where a few big organisations dominate. The table lists the factors tending to favour the second type of organisation.

The broader the range of activities treated as illegal by the government, the greater will be the incentives for these larger-scale organisations to form. Heavy fiscal burdens on legal markets will also create incentives for an illegal market.

Typically, the big businesses of the underworld tend to be co-ordinated



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cal" links between groups which can provide the variety of skills needed from violence to accountancy.

Crime is not quite like any other business. Contracts are not enforceable in any conventional way, although violence offers an alternative, while

property rights are ill-defined. Even so, the economic method offers some useful insights into crime. For example, it helps to understand why so much of the male US population is in prison if crime is seen as paying more than other inner-city job opportunities.

considers the design of effective deterrence policies - or "regulation" of the organised crime industry, as it puts it. There are some pretty obvious difficulties in trying to deter something like the Mafia. There is a risk that inappropriate action simply makes them fight back, increasing the criminals' investment in violence and corruption. However, suppose the govern-

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ment has the objective of minimising the profit of the Mafia. The economists analyse the problem using "game theory", the mathematical technique which models behaviour as if it were like a game where the players adopt strategies to try for the best outcome.

They conclude that the crime business will be least profitable when there is a kind of collusion between government and criminals. The government's best strategy is to allow criminal firms to get away with low profits but to use the full force One of the papers in the book of the law to put them out of business if they start up activities which are too profitable. In this case, the firms have a choice between steady. low-profit business or a high risk of no business. Those that are prepared not to earn "too much" are rewarded

> with survival. The analysis is complicated if the criminal firm is assumed to be able to save up its past profits, because building up capital reduces the prob-

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Conditions favouring mafia-controlled cartels

ability that law enforcement will put it out of business. However, that would also increase the government's pay-off for destroying a firm that had enjoyed big profits in the past. The authors conclude: "The state,

in designing its deterrence policy, should take advantage of the nature of the organised crime sector." It will do better to take advantage of the economic incentives rather than simply throwing money at law enforcement regardless.

This is all very well, but the economists' approach raises several objections. Some are obvious: how much is "too much"? How should the analysis take account of the fact that big criminal firms operate in many markets?

A second objection is that the assumption that closing the "firm" is the only effective form of regulation is extreme. For instance, the anticorruption movement in Italy seems to have decreased the number of criminal events while increasing the risk of each crime; but this has apparently raised the profitability on each single criminal event by raising the going rate for bribes demanded by officials and politicians who are prepared to take the risk of engaging in criminal activities.

More seriously, is it right to assume that the government's aim is to make sure crime does not pay too much? Or do governments actually want to minimise the amount of criminal activity rather than its profitability? In the case of, say, uranium or Semtex smuggling they probably want to do the latter. In addition, as Carlo Scarpa, commenting on the analysis, points out, although the idea of an implicit deal with the Mafia has found acceptance with some politicians, it "has led to a substantial loss



Family fortunes: Maffosi are driven by profit motives and their 'business' can be analysed like any other

of credibility of the state in several fields". There is what an economist would describe as a "reputational externality" for the government in the recommended form of regulation.

He continues: 'The layman would probably be puzzled by the idea of regulating something that in theory should not exist, that is criminal activity. Economists (cynical as we are) are instead quite used to this idea.

However, governments have considered both implicit and explicit bargains with criminals. Several years ago Italy's finance minister (an economist) proposed guaranteeing public sector jobs to cigarette smugglers who agreed to give up their business and surrender their boats. The idea was squashed by opponents who

thought it would actually create an incentive for people to become cigarette smugglers in the first place.

A second example of a near miss for economics in influencing public policy is the periodic debate about whether cannabis should be legalised. The economists' line is that banning cannabis altogether raises its price and makes dealing an excessively profitable business. Declaring it illegal creates a high barrier to entry into the cannabis sup-ply business, even though physical barriers are low - after all, many otherwise law-abiding citizens seem

able to grow it on their windowsills. Legalisation would destroy the excess profits and undermine the crimdealing industry. The government could even raise some revenue by taxing the drug like tobacco or alcohol. That would give the tax inspector rather than the police inspector an interest in the nation's

window boxes and back gardens.

The useful economic analysis runs, of course, into profoundly non-economic objections. Yet even if public opinion is in the end moved by other considerations, economics, remains a helpful tool for thinking about the appropriate policies for tackling crime.

\* The Economics of Organised Crime, edited by Gianluca Fiorentini and Sam Peltzman, Cambridge University Press

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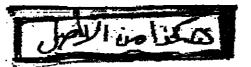
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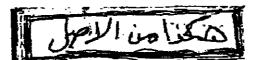
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# Leaf attracts a Derby flutter

RICHARD EDMONDSON

The bushes were trembling violently on the Newmarket gallops yesterday and that was this year's trademark drizzle. even after the wind dropped. Work-watchers scrambled away from their hides and towards their car phones following a hugely impressive trial by a horse that will run in the Derby in nine days' time.

Double Leaf was the name of the colt that mobilised the bargain hunters, and by the end of the day his Epsom price had contracted to 20-1 - from 33-1 - with Ladbrokes,

Michael Stoute's horse won on his debut as a two-year-old and his best performance - on the racecourse at least - was at York last month, when he was fifth, beaten less than three lengths, behind the Blue Riband favourite. Glory Of cot, the weights for which were Dancer, in the Dante Stakes.

SIS RACING

4f 110yds

UTTOXETER

2.00 Faustino 2.30 Lemon's Mili 3.00 Dajraan

3.30 Muskora 4.00 Menebuck 4.30 Northern Bluff

Left-band course. Run-in of 170yd.

Left-band course is SE of town near B5017. Uttoxeter station (Derby-Crowe lane) adjoins course. ADMISSION: Club \$15 (OAPs \$12); Tourse salls \$10 (OAPs \$7); Course \$3. CAR PARK: Prec.

BLINKERRD FIRST TIME: Snowy Petrel (2.00), Howgill (3.30), Memoback (4.00), Mr Christic Ivisored, 2.00).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Lemon's Mill (2.30) won at Carmel on Saturday; Tough Deal (3.30) won at Carmel

on Monday.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Secret Four (4.00) has been sent 185 miles by Mrs S Williams from Mariansleigh, Devon.

2.00 TRENT BATHROOMS POTTERS' PLATE

BETTING: 9-4 Faustino, 7-2 All On, Stoney Petral, 4-1 Pensiridge Place, 9-1 Loap in Tao Daris, 14-1 Little Tireture, 66-1 others.

2.30 TRENT BATHROOMS CENTENARY NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) £5,100 added 3m 2f

- 7 declared -BETTRIC: 4-5 Lemon's Mill, 7-2 Pandridge, 6-1 An Spailpin Fanach, 13-2 Tenbit, 10-1 Imad, 16-1 Woodlands Power, 66-1 See Scamp.

3.00 SUITON ESTATES CELEBRATION NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 2m

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NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS D) £4,000 2m

The son of Sadler's Wells will be partnered by Ray Cochrane, who has yet to ride him on the racecourse but was in the saddle yesterday on a Newmarket morning which opened with

Double Leaf was sent the Derby way, left-handed, on the Limekilus round gallop, in company with his lead horse, Mellaby, and Desert Shot, whose rider, Greville Starkey, has a mixed scrapbook when it comes to the Blue Riband. When asked to display his qualities
Double Leaf swept past Mellaprincipal Derby hope. Anoth-

by, and when the useful Desert er son of Sadler's Wells, he was Mark Of Esteem seemed to be beaten Mick's Love stored away Shot challenged, Double Leaf went 12 lengths clear. Despite this virtuoso offering, word from Freemason Lodge

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Mill O'The Rags (Hereford 9.00) NB: Dajraan (Uttoxeter 3.00)

still has it that Dr Massini, the Glasgow Stakes victor on the terday in a three-quarter speed

A further recent inmate from the sick bay, Mark Of Esteem, emerged from his box yesterday and will resume fast work this weekend. The damp weather in Albion had to get to the Dubaiwintered horses eventually and Godolphin's 2,000 Guineas winner succumbed on Tuesday, when he was running a high temperature. A quick shake of make it for the big race." the thermometer later, though,

seen stretching his joints yes- back in business. "He had a for Epsom, and a further bulnormal temperature this morngallop, following his recovery ing and is fine in himself." Si-from lameness. ing and is fine in himself." Si-mon Crisford. Godolphin's mon Crisford, Godolphin's Stakes winner, Don Michelet-

racing manager, said.
"We opted to give him another easy day today, so we gave him a lead out. He appeared to "We are pleased both with the be very bright and we hope to have him back in tack tomorrow. You have to take it day by day, but, all being well, he will have some fast work at the weekend and we still hope to

Goodwood," Crisford said. Peter Chapple-Hyam trains the sole British acceptors among the 15 entries for the French Classic - Astor Place Godolphin also have the unand Polaris Flight, who is also

in the Prix John Prat. The Manton trainer may also supplement, however, and has High Baroque waiting for the call. The carrot - the prospect of uncovering a Classic winner, the downside - a late entry fee of 250,000 francs (£33,000). THE DERBY (Epsom, 8 June): Leithrokes: 5-1 Dr. Massin, Dushyantor, Glory Of Dancer, 6-1 Even Top, 7-1 Africanti, 8-1 (from 7-1) Mark Of Esteem, 14-1 Mick's Love & Stortin Trooper, 16-1 Nash House, 20-1 Double Leaf & Shaamit, 25-1 others.

3.20 BOOKER CASH & CARRY HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4.200 added 3YO 1m

03050-0 BOUNDARY BIRD (48) M Johnston 8 9 ........ Wesner 11 8 

Minimum weight; 7st 10th. True handicap weg/ns: Contract Bridge 7st 8th Boof Future 7st Stb. BETTIME: 4-1 Sendblaster, 9-2 Six Clerks, 7-1 Contract Bridge, Bollin Ja-cob, Green Gom, 8-1 Nicapen Rocks, Boundary Bird, 12-1 others

3.50 GOLD MARK MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 added filles 1m

- 4 deciared -BETTING: 4-7 Disnalqu, 5-2 Hules, 9-2 Magic Carousel, 25-1 Winn Caloy

4.20 CHEF'S LARDER LIMITED STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 5f

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We are pleased both with the

way he worked this morning and

has come out of the race at

Sunday's Prix du Jockey Club

**BRIGHTON** 

HYPERION 2.10 Dalmeny Dancer 3.40 Watch Me Go 2.40 Farmost 4.10 Bright Eclipse 3.10 Bubble Wings (nb) 4,40 No Sympathy (nap)

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Orelles (3.40).
WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: Farmost (2.40) won at Sandown Lest Monday
LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Trador Flight (3.40) sent 200 miles from A G New
combe's Huntshaw stable in Decor.

2.10 EBF FRESHFIELD MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS E) £4,200 added 2YO 6f Penalty Value £3,043 

FORM GUIDE

KENWOOD MELODY, a 30,000gts purchase, is half-brother to Baddi Bird, winner of seceral races in France as a two-year-old. With Richard Harmon's youngaters in grood formtilg Beet may figure. By functiess times - a profile emming two-year-old - he is a fullbrother to firsta Tista Timeng, who won a so-funting Southwell seller as a juvenile local
season. Definiting Dancer, our-lengths second to Petham over 51 at Barth four weeks
ago, will be more effective over this extra furling.

Selections NENWOOD MELODY

2.40 SHOREHAM LIMITED STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 7f Penalty Value £2,381

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FORM GUIDE

Apollo Red seems as good as ever, wrang over the minimum here with foday's nder Candy Moms on board and following up over this distance in a tody amateurs' event at targfield. He can be in at the funsh, but he concession of 13 to to FARMOST may prove no much. Farmost landed a minder and Workerbampton in January, but pulled too how diven market leader and a five-length fifth to Lucky Bee on his handicap debut at Newcastle three weeks ago. Heading the betting three again at Sandown on Monday, he led at the funding pole and drev away to score by tince and a half lengths from Biggiton Raad. This bourse is entirely different to Sandown but Farmost shouldn't be inconservenced by it. Crystal Heights, Pentious. There and Mr. Revermind have all shorn a living for this track, especially the first named, who goes for a fourth success over the trip here. However, Crystal Heights has run unplaced in his three starts since his most recent with on the Lingfield Equitrack in February. Penticus Pleft landed a handicap over course and distance the time before last with Crystal Heights 11 lengths back in minth and Office Hours. It in of 14 but had only two behind him in the 18-minter race we by Leguard Express of Bath ten days ago. Mr. Nevermind's latest victory was on the Equitrack in March and he is another who is out of form at the moment. Moreocco went in at Salsbury a fortingit ago and was not discredired when lifth of 15 to Pointer on the same track eight days ago. Move With Edes could manage only ninth in Pointer's Salsbury acce but ran Delight Of Dawn to a neck at Windsor pefore that.

Selection: FARMOST

3.10 FLANAGAN AND ALLEN HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3.450

added 1m Penalty Value £3,143

FORM GLIDE

COLLEGE NIGHT has gone close in her last three races, all on this course, and she can she get off the mark with Crint Devyer – who trains her – aboard for the first time. Inched

3.40 SEAFORD SELLING HANDICAP (CLASS G) £3,000 added 1m 3f 196yds Penalty Value £2,070

260-040 THE LITTLE FERRET (12) (C) (K HESON) A MOOR 6.94 R. P. C. 612-204 WINTCH ME 60 (17) Watch Me 60 Recng Club Bob Jones 7.6 11 M Wig 03605-5 SINCLAR LAD (8) Muss R Dobson R Hodges 8.8 10 T Sprain 

1995: Duggen 8 7 9 Amanda Sanders 33-1 iP D Enrici 12 ran
FORM CURDE
WATCH ME 60 looks good enough on his nech second of 18 to Comiec's Legend at Ripon
three races ago even if he has run less self in both starts since. Singleis Lad had been
of the course for ten more when a 14-length fifth of 19 behind Glow Forum in a claiming handcap at Salisbury last week, weakening in the closing stages. Ron Hodges'
eight-year-old, successful six times over the years — the last time at Nothingsiam in 1994
- will be much shapper for his recent race and could trouble the best of meek. Bag off
Tricks, way down the field in the Salisbury race, beat Granders Orelities fine lengths in a
damer over course and distance last month and meets the runner-up on 6th more favourable
terms. The Little Ferreit's last vin was also have by oars ago — over seven furlongs on this
course – and his only previous success, the year before, was also here. He has yet to
race beyond a mile and a quanter but was staying on whon fourth to Roman Rect over
that distance here the time before itsel and he could pose a threat. Hardequin Waller's
three wars – two last year – were all at roday's up at all weather meetings. He was fourth
to Capitain Marmalsde on the Equitrack if March.

Selection: WATCH ME GO

4.10 REGENCY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 3YO 1m Penalty Value £2,381. 

BETTING: 9-4 Bright Eclipse, 3-1 Red Time, 4-1 Halebid, 5-1 Alistans Express, 13-2 Corniche Quest 7-1 Sea Moi, 8-1 Withorkey, 20-1 others. 295: Shifi Again 3 8 9 J Reid 13-8 (W Jarvis) 7 ran

FORM QUIDE

BRIGHT ECLIPSE gets a sound chance to open his account. John Hills' colt, unblaced on his only appearance as a two-year-old, finished a remote that on the Equatack last month and was well beenen behind Backdrop at Portefract but he ran on when fourth of 18 to Sound Chech at Saksbury a forhight ago - beaten little more than half. Red Time, third in his test two outings, most recently behind Onolan and Lonel Educatic at Goodwood a week ago when he made most of the running, will be well at home on this sharp course. Sea stoll was trained by Autan Ofben last year, fineting unplaced at Nasa on her only start. Now with Paul Cole, she beat only home behind Migas at Lingfield in May on her return but is open to improvement.

4.40 CLAYTON HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 6f Penalty Value £3,043

Ages can better than his final placing suggests when eighth of 14 to Pirma Sife at Ling-field after making all to defeat Baseys. Sunset a couple of lengths over course and dis-tance. Sharp time, whose win here was gained List Liely, finished behind Ages at Lingfield. Lorins Gold gained his victory here in a matical british three weeks ago and may not be good enough. No Sympathy has noticed both her wins to dole round here, the first be good enough. No Sympathy has notiched door not term to out or round note, our max in a five-furthing nursery lest August and the other in a seven-furthing claimer three weeks back on her first appearance since February. She should progress further and the drop back in distance should not inconvenience from Danieling Med. Sturbled after a furthing but made late headway to finish a four-length seventh of 16 to Judgment Call at Linglied after a fourth tot set to Kings Harmony over course and distance, faking to quarter in the final furthing.

Selections NO SYMPATHY

#### Yeast rising in early Royal Hunt Cup list garon has 7st 12lb. Tarawa is top

Master Charter, Missile, Yeast and Tregaron are the Tote's 14-1 joint-favourites for next month's Royal Hunt Cup over the straight mile at Royal Asreleased yesterday.

Yeast, who won the Victoria Cup over Ascot's straight seven furlongs in April, has been alloted 8st 6lb while Victoria Cup runner up Master Charter has 7st 9lb. The three-year-old Missile has 7st 8lb, while Tre-

with 9st 10lb.

garon has 7st 12lb. Tarawa is top weight among the 84 entries

Jayannpee, a recent winner at Newmarket and York, has 9st Jayannpee and Pivotal are year-old Pivotal has been given the Tote's 14-1 joint-favourites for the six furlongs Wokingham Handicap at the Royal meeting.

CARLISLE

7lb, while the useful three-

3.30 STAFFORDSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE HAND-ICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,200 2m 5f blaster output in the first of

5 22-U2-5 HOWGRL (17) Capt T Forsier 10 10 7 \_\_\_\_\_\_S Wyster 3 e o occared – BETTING: 7-4 Moutors, 11-4 Trugh Deal, 3-1 Counterbalance, 11-2 Mr Embritainer, 8-1 Howgill.

4.00 TRENT BATHROOMS HANDICAP HUR-DLE (CLASS C) £5,000 added 3m 110yds 

4.30 DOUGLAS MACMILLAN HOSPICE NOVICE HUNTERS CHASE £1,500 2m 5f

13 50 LINDALISHTER (S87) Mass F Stone 6 11.9 Mr M Jackson (7) 14 P TED'S KNASHT (14.9 P Cheming 5 11.7 \_\_\_Mr A Phillips (7) - 14 declared -

BETTING: 7-2 Across The Card, 9-2 Candle Slow, 5-1 Northern Bloff, 11-2 Broad Stence, 7-1 A Windy Citizen, 8-1 Back The Road, 10-1 others.

5.00 TRENT POTTERY 100 YEARS NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS H) £1,750 2m U RUM CUSTOMER (B) C Barnel 5 11 5 Me 3 Creighton (7)
0 SENMOUR'S DOUBLE (20) Mrs A Hower 5 11 5 S Wymne
4 BLIE MARLIN (19) P Webber 5 11 0 Mrs P Scott (7)
0 CHERRY DEE (14) P Beautron 5 11 0 B Gailton (7)
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WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.
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7.45 SHERATON GRAND CUP HCAP SKY.

(CLASS D) £6,000 added 5f

- 14 declared -BETTIMS: 7-2 Featherstone Lane, 9-2 Dominale, 8-1 Rotherfield Park, 10-1 Lochon, Cali To The Bar, 12-1 Tropical Seach, 14-1 others 4.50 FAMILY CHOICE HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 1m 6f 32yds 1 5/5665/- TWIN FALLS (710) G Moore 5 10 0 .... 0400-1 CMMPASPE (20) J FitzGerald 4 8 0 .. - 9 declared -

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8.45 RATING RELATED MADEN STAKES SKY (CLASS F) £3,450 added 5f

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HYPERION 6.45 Fonzy 7.15 Bayrak 7.45 The Institute Boy 8.15 Hutchies Lady 8.45 Ninety-Nine 9.15 Here

GOING: Good to soft (good in places). STALLS: Straight course - far side; round - ins DEAW ADVANTAGE: Low for 5f, High from 7f to 1m4f.

| Right-hand oval course with tight turns. The straight 5f course to our of the fastest in the country.

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BLINKERS FIRST TIME: Aplealate (6.45) & Fonzy (6.45); Kismetim (8.15) & Phar Closer (0.15).

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: None.
LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Bayrak (7.15) sent 350 miles from M Ryan's Newmarker stable in Saffolk; Fonzy (6.45) sent 350 miles from Mrs L Subba's Newmarker stable in Saffolk; The Institute Boy (7.45) & Lady Silk (8.15) sent 185 miles from Miss J Crazer's Elvington stable in North Yorkshure; Bedazule (8.15) & Gold Desire (9.15) sent 192 miles from M Britain's Warthill stable in North Yorkshure.

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7.15 CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) SKY £3,450 added 1m 4f 31yds 4000-20 BAYRAK (USA) (28) (D) (BF) M Ayan 697..... 10/0-000 JABAROOT (10) (D) D Noisn 589... LOOSO-0 KALKO (12) | Gaine 7 8 7 P Fessey (5) 3 8 0/250-0 SCHOOL OF SCHOOL (50) R McMeler 6 8 5 T Williams 7 B

- 8 deciared -BETTING: 9-4 Planty Descer, 11-4 Latvian, 5-1 Sayrak, 7-1 Ambidestr Goodbye Mille, 8-1 Johannot, 10-1 others

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8.30 COTSWOLD NOVICE HANDICAP SKY

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4		FATHER POWER (72) P Bowen 8 11 2R Johnson
5		FRED'S BOY (129) I White 6 11 2
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7.30 EATON BISHOP NOVICE CHASE SKY \_\_\_\_Mr J Cullaty (3) 

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- 13 declared BETTRIS: 3-1 Percy Thrower, 7-2 Fixel Fide, 4-1 Januty Jose, 5-1 Philatelic, 8-1 Wister Rose, 9-1 Go Fraile, 14-1 Monstain Leader, 20-1 others.

#### RACING RESULTS

1; 2. Zenid 7.4 (sv; 3. Red Beacon 12-1. 11 ran. 34), sht-hd. (W Smith, Richmond). Teta: 58.70; £2.60, £1.50, £3.90, 07; £6.30. CSF: £23.26. Tho: £44.20.

4.00: 1. OLD MONEY (R.Johnson) 7-2; 2. Wise Advice 10-11 far; 3. Shawwell 3-1. 5 ran. 242, 15, (5 Kettlewell, Middleham). Tota: £4.40; £2.40, £1.10. DF: £3.30. CSF:

4.30: 1. YOUNG KENNY (Mr R Foot) 5-1; 2. Le Fontainbleau 14-1; 3. Grate Deel 7-1. 10 ran. 11-10 fav Rainsa (pulled up). 10, 19, (P Beaumont, Brandsby). Totas: £5.60; £1.50, £5.40, £2.40. DF: £50.20. CSF: £65.21. The: £52.50. Piecepot: £155.10. Quadpot: £37.30.

**FOLKESTONE** 

2.16: 1. CANOVAS HEART IN Day 8-1; 2. Neurocholo 9-1; 3. Half Tone 20-1, 14 ran, 4-1 fev Frencky Brave (5th), 1¼, ¼, (Bob Jones, Neumerlet), Tota: £8,20; £2,30, £3,20, £7,20, DF: £55,50, CSP: £69,96, Tncast: £1,302.55. Tho: £491.20 (pert won, pool of £629.62 to Brighton 3.10 today). Non

3.15: 1. CANTON VENTURE (W Woods) 9-2; 2. Poly My Son 9-1; 3. Pip's Dream 10-1, 17 ptn. 9-4 fav Fast Forward Fred. nk,

%. (S Woods, Newmarket). Tote: £6.60; £2.60, £5.30, £5.20. Dual Forecast: £21.30. CSF: £47,79. Tre: £90.30. Non Runner: Trum-3.45: 1. FLORENTINO (M HRs) 7:1: 2. 7-1. 7 am. 1%, 1% (D O'Brien, Tornbridge). Tota: £2.70; £1.50, £1.90. DF: £2.90. CSF: £6.45. NR: I'RD Debt.

White Plains 6-1: 3. It's the business 6-1: 15 ran. 4-1 fav Wer Patch. nk, nk. (B Hills, Lambourn). Totar £13.40; £2.90, £2.80, £3.50. DF. £91.50. CSF: £48.47. Treast £250.97, Trio: £300.20. 1250.97. Into: 1301.20.

4.15: 1. MARTINIOSIX (N. Day) 16-1; 2. Scothebory 9-4; 3. Instituteness 25-1. 9 can. 5-6 fav Milos 14th.: shr-hd, hd. (G. Bravery, Newmarket). Tota: 517-30; 64-20, £1.10. ER.20. DF: £21.50. CSF. £62.42. Tito: 5386.00

4.45: 1 MOON STRIKE (M HEIS) 10-11 tar, 2. Sapphire Son 20-1; 3. Rockoffe Plice 9-2. 8 ran. W., 1 V., (S Williams, Newmarkst).

Jackpot: not won (pool of £12,052.66 car-ned forward to Brighton today). Placepot: £134.20, Quadpot: £15.00. Place 6: £339.64, Place 5: £88.80. ■ Martin Pipe's attempt to rea 2,000 iumns winners continues at Uter needs just two more victories to reach

5.15: 1. YOUNG MAZAAD IG Sardvell 2-

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2.00: 1. SIAN WYN (R Durwoody) 3-1; 2. Palace River 4-1; 3. On The Move 33-1. 10 ran, 5-2 fav Becky Boe (4th), 1½, ½, (K Burke, Wartage), Tobe: £3.60; £1.10, £1.80. £12.70. Dust Forecast £5.10. Compuler Straight Forecast £15.01. Tro: £264.10. Win-

ner bought in for 3,500 guineas. 2.30: 1. BLAZING DAWN (B Sore): 15-1; 2. Strong Approach 13-8 fax; 3. Circu-lation 33-1. 6 ran. 2½, 14. (J Hubbuck, Hexhem). Tota: £15.30; £3.80, £1.60. DF: 624 10 CSF: £43.66. Non Runner, Rupples. 3.00: 1. CANDED LAD (B. Storey) 16-1: 2. Marsh's Law 7-4 fey; 3. Raishham 3-1. 5 ran. 2. 17. IF Storey, Carlsie). Total: £12.40; £4.20, £1.30. DF: £22.30. CSF: £42.30. Non. 3.30: 1. FAUSTMANCE LADY (S Taylor) 8-

2.45: 1. SUPERCAL (B Doyle) 11-1; 2. Topatofi 4-1; 3. Mister Pink 7-1, 14 ran-evers for Schoris Matida (6th. 2, nl. (0 Elseuth, Whitcombel, Tote: £11.20; £2.10, £2.90, £2.90. DF. £25.20. CSF: £80.61. Tito:

# Girl Wonder a real good sport

very sports star knows the feel-ing – that nightmare moment when you have to retire because you are just too old. Well, maybe that is fair enough when you are in your late 30s. But spare a thought for Harriet Slynn, one of our top sportswomen. She had to quit a promising football career - at nine. Her mother. Sue, battled with the

Football Association, invoked the **Equal Opportunities Commission** and wrote enough letters to start an alphabet factory. The FA, living up to its ponderous reputation, was immovable. "They came up with feeble excuses like problems of changing rooms. It seems ridiculous that girls can still play a tactile sport like rugby but can't play 11-a-side foot-ball with boys after nine years old."

So Harriet, who lives in Twickenham, took up rugby - and rapidly became a star at that. Sadly, it looks like her prospects with London Scottish are limited, too. Though she is an automatic choice for the club's junior team, she has reached the ripe old age of 11. That means she will have to switch to women-only rughy next year. RFU rules, you understand.

How good is she? Well, Harriet was the only girl in a London Scottish squad of 26 that has recently returned from a Scottish Borders tour, playing centre against junior clubs from Melrose. Jed-Forest. Kelso and Selkirk. She was not there as tea maker and kit washer, either. Norrie Jackson, the chairman of London Scottish's mini-rugby sec-tion, says: "It's uncanny. She is an amazing player, totally committed and unquestionably one of our best tacklers. She can compete perfectly well against boys.



at large

Harriet herself is disappointed but not distraught. She has, after all. plenty of other options. She is national triathlon champion for her age group, she ran in last month's Flo-ra London mini-marathon finishing 148th, and she's in the England under-11 girls' chess squad. She's in the school netball team, and fancies her chances at shot putt and long jump. Quite simply, whatever she turns her hand to turns into trophics, medals and badges.

By now you have probably built up a mental picture: tall for her age. an Amazon with an incipient moustache; compensating for her un-gainliness and shyness with sporting aggression. Dogging her steps, parselves and are determined to do so through their daughter. Wrong, wrong, wrong and

The biggest shock is to discover that Harriet is tiny: 4ft and not many inches. This little thing terrorising boys a head taller? The secret may he that she is also wonderfully selfassured without being arrogant or precocious. The acting maxim – nev-

er work with kids and animals - is a good lesson for journalists, too. Eleven-year-olds who can discuss training programmes, motivation and ambitions are rare indeed. Her parents have such confidence in her ability to handle a press interview that they leave her alone (though mum hovers in the kitchen).

There is no genetic reason why she should be a sporting natural. Her parents teach special needs, not PE. Sue's involvement runs to an occasional gym session while her father. Simon, Loughborough-trained, she manages a school football team, does the occasional triathlon and has completed a dozen marathons with a best time of just under three hours scarcely the DNA of superstars.

Harriet's sporting career started at three, when she entered a fun run. A year later, she showed an aptitude for gymnastics and won a few trophies, but gave it up (aged nine) be-cause it took up 12 hours a week time she wanted to spend on other At school, she proved so good at

football that she was an automatic choice for the team (she has even got a trophy for Man of the Match). She played midfield, scored a few goals and never had any problems about being a girl in a field of boys. "I changed in the same changing rooms. It wasn't a problem. I think the boys actually behaved themselves better because there was a girl

Afterwards she played a little with Fulham's under-16 girls squad but found that when you're only nine, 15-year old is like someone from Brobdingnag, "They were really

big," she recalls.

When her younger brother Adam went for a trial with London Scot-



Pocket battleship: Four-foot-something Harriet Slynn is a walking Sports Hall of Fam

tish juniors, she tagged along, liked the game and got involved. Bumps and bruises do not worry her. "Even though it's a contact sport, people tackle you to get the ball, not to hurt you," she says. Her mother is less sanguine. "Her legs get covered in bruises and she had some heavy falls in the Scottish games, but it doesn't worry her. Personally, I would be

devastated if she came home with

a broken nose or a cauliflower

Then came triathlons. When her dad took part, she joined in, liked

that too and last year won six of the seven races in her age group to be-come national champion. "She is naturally very competitive in every-thing she does," her father says. "She doesn't need to be pushed. She even keeps a training diary."

Almost every evening of Harriet's week involves athletics, swimming, cycling, running or rugby training, though on Fridays she is involved in drama, and some Saturdays there is a chess match. "We're glad that she's got a balance between the physical and the cerebral," says

her mother. "But ultimately, it's her decision about what she does. Harriet has not settled on one sport yet. She enjoys them all. Ask what sports she doesn't like and she thinks hard. "Hmm, can't think of

one." This summer, she hopes to

play cricket. She would like to try

skiing, or even ski-jumping. Her Christmas presents were sports kits and a pair of roller blades. Toys? "It means I have to find time to sit down and play with them." Her bedroom is filled with trophics and pictures of her competing. Idols? She names Simon Lessing. Britain's triathlon chanpion, not Take That.

She is even remarkably mature about the future. No vows\_of Olympic medals or being the first woman to play for England in the World Cup: she likes the idea of physiotherapy, and wouldn't mind being a woman referee. A laudable ambition, but you feel she may be underselling herself. Another Daley Thompson? I made sure and got

FOOTBALL: Manager Brown anxious not to repeat mistakes made after last championship by calling on young contenders

### Fresh faces add verve to Scotland's next venture

PHIL SHAW

reports from Miami

Craig Brown yesterday formally registered the 22 players on duty in the United States as Scotland's pool for the European Championship - and promptly unveiled plans to freshen up" his squad when paign starts later in the whose goal tally at interna-

In contrast with his English counterpart's brinkmanship over Peter Beardsley and Robert Lee, Brown had no agonising choices to make. The selection process was simplified by comprised his "contingency the unavailability of Alan McLaren. Paul McStay and Duncan Ferguson, Only two Marshall, of whose perfor-

players not included. Richard Gough and Pat Nevin, might have made the cut in different circumstances.

More than half the squad are aged 30 or over, the average being reduced to 29 only by the inclusion of back-up players such as Eoin Jess and Scot Gemmill. There are 12 Scottish-based players and 10 "Anglos". Ally tional level is into double

Brown gave a glimpse of the possible future composition of the Scotland side by revealing the names of six players who plan" for the finals. The de-

2-1 defeat in Barcelona he had received glowing reports, and Celtic's Jackie McNamara.

The midfield understudies were Stephen Glass, of Aberdeen, and Charlie Miller, of Rangers, with Barnsley's Andy Liddell and Crystal Palace's Dougie Freedman the stand-by strikers. A further six teenaged the World Cup qualifying cam- McCoist is the only member players, among them Aberdeen's Jamie Buchan, son of the former Scotland captain Martin, are to cover for injured players at training games in

England. "After we played so well at Euro 92 in Sweden, we went into the opening World Cup qualifier in Switzerland with the lenders were Arsenal's Scott same squad." Brown recalls. Marshall, of whose perfor- "We lost 3-1, and maybe with

mance in the Under-21 team's hindsight we should have brought in some fresh faces. "We've already tried to chan-

e it a bit with the Gernmills and the Burleys, and we'll be looking at these players very carefully before we go to Austria at the end of August," Brown

"But first things first - we now have to concentrate on peaking

To that end, Scotland today will work on set pieces. Perhaps stung by the suggestion of the United States captain, John Harkes, that they looked "like a team on vacation", Brown will also stage a full-scale practice match tomorrow at the Orange Bowl, scene of their overnight friendly against Colombia.

Kvie McAllister in his honour, Relishing

chance to redeem Wembley disaster with

Leeds and place on centre stage after sitting

out Italia 90 and playing wide in Euro 92.

In his Dundee United days, "Badger" used to help out on parents' jewellery stall in Glas-gow street market. Seeking to show club and

country there is more to his game than long-

Quick, strong player who was Brown's declared first-choice striker until injury-hit season. Man-

ager describes his international scoring

record as "in the Lineker class". Good finals

could earn move to Premiership or Rangers.

After two cap-free years "Juke Box" suddenly

finds himself Scotland's best hope of goals

Finished another injury-affected season with dazzling hat-trick in Cup final and scored again

in US on Sunday. Came off after aggravat-

Glasses give him a studious look, though as

Itkely to have his head in Celtic View news-

paper as a book. Pacy attacker who is clos-

est Scotland have to a winger. Fought back

Once sold by Meadowbank Thistle to New-

castle. Hung out with Paul Gascoigne and

now has dog called Gazza. Can slot in up front

or in midfield but short of the highest class.

Dubbed "The Judge" during Sourcess era at librox because he was on bench so often.

Now "Golden Bollocks", though Midas

touch failed to bring a goal at Italia 90, Euro

92 or in the Champions' League. Goaded

Became a father on eve of American trip but

to a transatlantic ticking off from wife.

from two broken legs in 18 months.

ing neck injury...sustained in his sleep.

Kevin Gallacher (Blackburn Rovers)

Billy McKinlay (Blackburn Rovers)

Age 27. Caps 17. Goals 4.

Scott Booth (Aberdeen)

Age 24. Caps 11. Goals 5.

Age 30. Caps 28. Goals 5.

Age 29. Caps 21. Goals 2.

Darren Jackson (Hibernian)

Age 29. Cans 12

Ally McCoist (Rangers)

Age 25. Caps 8.

Age 33. Caps 51. Goals 18.

### Craig reflects on his lesson

De la Peña justified all his

But now Tommy Craig's team must pick themselves up to play France on Friday in the third place play-off and the de-

it's disappointing because we know we can do better. So we intend to put that right on Friday against France. We want to

Mick McCarthy, the Republic of Ireland manager, yesterday denied that he was close to resolving Roy Keane's future with the national side. McCarthy said he had received a hoax telephone call from someone oretending to be Keane, but had had no contact with the player himself, and therefore was standing by his decision to omit him from the tour to America.

opening goal for Oscar, but the

senal's Scott Marshall. the final word - leaving Donnelly to admit that the Spanish playmaker is one of the best tal-

much." said Donnelly, whose version of events was backed up by goalkeeper Derek Stillie.

The Aberdeen keeper, who will set a new caps record for Scottish goalkeepers at this levcl when he takes the field against the French in the Olympic Stadium on Friday, insisted he had little chance with De la Peña's sensational strike.

la Peña put on the ball was phenomenal. The free-kick started off looking as if it was going three yards outside the post before coming in."

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### Sexton takes blame

Dave Sexton shook off the disappointment of seeing his England side crash to a surprising defeat against Angola in the Umbro World Under-21 tournament at Toulon on Tuesday night, and then shouldered some of the blame for the result himself for changing a win-

even though he had seen his youngsters open their campaign in the tournament with a 1-0 victory over Belgium on Friday courtesy of a Steve Slade

And on Tuesday night, Eng-Plummer fouled Sidonio Malamba - and a late strike by Valdo Costa gave Angola an un-expected 2-0 success.

"It's always a risk changing a team when you have a winning You would normally keep the same team but the usefulness of this tournament is to

look at players. We started quite brightly but got caught playing square balls and balls Manchester City's Michael Brown attempted to inject some life into England with two long-

range efforts and Tottenham starlet Slade, who has already land paid the price as an early caught the future England manpenalty by Caesar Muhonga - ager Glenn Hoddle's attention, awarded when the Queen's should have done better than Park Rangers player Chris blast a volley high and wide before the break. But the writing was on the

post, and Costa's breakaway effort scaled the issue.

we deserved a goal and you would have put money on

to the lads' pride because the are better than that.

"But now nobody in football is surprised at the improvement in football throughout the

"Each country brings an important trait to the game. Everybody brings something to the game and nobody has got every-

#### SCOTLAND SQUAD FOR EURO 96

**GOALKEEPERS** Andy Goram (Rangers)

Age 32. Caps 35. Lancashire-born of a Scots father. Would have played for England U-21 but for Howard Wilkinson "benching" him to accommodate Portsmouth's Alan Knight. Cricketer capped by Scotland against Australia (and fined by By Scotland against Australia (and fined by By Scotland against Australia (and fined by Scotland against Australia (

Age 37. Caps 74.

Bow-legged, bespectacled veteran best remembered for calamitous display for Man-chester United in 1990 FA Cup final. Career resurrected with Hibs after slumming at Reading (loan) and Dundee (reserves). Likely to be second choice. Nicky Walker (Partick Thistie)

Age 33. Caps 2.

Adonis-like heir to family shortbread ter United FA Cup semi-final winner. and biscurt-making millions, he reputedly John Collins (Celtic) plays football for fun.

DEFENDERS Tom Boyd (Celtic) Age 30. Caps 34.

Versatile player who can operate as marker in a back three, full-back or wide midfielder. Claim to fame is that when with numble Motherwell he dispossessed the great. Age 25. Caps 6. Hagi to set up winner against Romania. Colin Calderwood (Tottenham Hotspur)

Age 31. Caps 10. Goals 1. Left native Stranraer for Mansfield's school of hard knocks at 17. Briefly incarcerated and then exonerated in Swindon financial scandal. Never played senior game in Scot- Age 25. Caps 11. Goals 1. land until first cap. Composed foil to Bright, converted striker from scenic fishing Hendry's robust style.

Colin Hendry (Blackburn Rovers) Age 30. Caps 17. Goals 1.

Vice-captain. Bizarre now, given his reincarnation as the human claymore, to Stuart McCall (Rangers) think Dundee once regarded him as a malingerer. Tendency to charge upfield made Yorkshire-born and even closer than Goram him too indisciplined for previous manager. Craig Brown has concentrated on pos-teigned deafness when ordered on (it was to a transatiantic ticking twe attributes, strength in tackle and in the the last minute). Then switched allegiance John Spencer (Chelsea)

Stewart McKimmie (Aberdeen)

Age 33. Caps 37. Goals 1. Can play sweeper, orthodox centre-half, fullback or wing-back. His goal for Scotland was Age 31. Caps 40. Goals 4. unable to provide Uefa with unne sample. to playmaking. Rod Stewart named his son. Seeking first international goal.

Tosh McKinlay (Celtic)

Age 28. Caps 32. Goals 8.

Scot Gernmill (Nottingham Forest)

Son of Archie, though has more hair and English accent. Industrious, positive fringe player and aficionado of "indie" gigs at Nottingham's Rock City (Favounte album: A Northern Soul by The Verve).

village of Portsoy. His Christian name (pronounced Ian) has been known to make Clive Tyldesley wake in a sweat. In for injured Paul

Age 31. Caps 33. Goals 1. to England U-21 cap. Told to warm up but by Goram into having locks cropped in US, to father's country. Combative if prone to follow the ball rather than holding position. Ambition: to manage Bradford City.

Age 31. Caps 3.

Latecomer to international scene who paid his dues with Hearts and Dundee. May figure as left wing-back if Boyd switches to centre as Alan McLaren's replacement. Real name (unused): Thomas.

MIDFIELD Craig Burley (Chelsea).

Age 24. Caps 8.

Nephew of George Burley, the Ipswich manager and ex-Scotland full-back. Passng ability and power could earn this former schoolboy basketball star a starting role on wide right. Chance to purge bad memory at Gordon Durie (Rangers) filla Park: backpass that gifted Manches-

Signs for Monaco after finals in three-year, £20,000-a-week tax-free deal. Dubbed 'lean-Claude' and "the man who won the bank at Monte Carlo". Clever presence on McAllister's left if seldom the provider of a

Eoin Jess (Coventry City)

no truth in the rumour that child is to be Gary McAllister (Leeds United) christened Boro (see Derek Whyte). Bubbly, Subbuteo-sized striker used to playing off winner against Argentina, then world cham- Captain and class act. Ex-Scotland youth golfer the front for club, and confident of playing pions. Missed plane during Euro 92 because who now brings similar range and precision with Vialli rather than making way for him.

Scotland's defeated youngsters were trying to think positively yesterday in the wake of their European Under-21 Championship semi-final defeat by Spain.

The young Scots, who were bidding to reach the European final for the first time, were given a master-class, in particular by the teenaged prodigy Ivan de la Peña, in a 2-1 defeat in Barcelona on Tuesday night.

rave revues - and the reputed £1m salary he is already getting from Barcelona - culminating in a brilliant 35th-minute goal from a 30-yard free-kick.

feat has served only to strengthen their resolve. The Celtic striker Simon Donnelly admitted the Spanish were a class outfit, but added: "The boys feel that, in an at-tacking sense, we didn't play and

finish third. That is the best we

can now do and that's what we'll be aiming for. It's not going to be as exciting as being in a final but we can raise ourselves." De la Peña created an early

Scots came roaring back to level matters midway through the first half with a header from Ar-But that man De la Peña had

ents he has ever seen. "I don't think I've ever seen a free-kick that moved so

He said: "The bend that De having made his debut at 17. "It was nothing to do with

ning team.
Sexton rang the changes,

and a disappointing performance," Sexton said afterwards. "It's a learning question of what to do and what not to do." Sexton reflected. "I thought

> David Beckham putting his "Their first goal was a silly goal to give away. We lost a bit of confidence and it's a knock

world. thing. It's good experience for wall for Sexton's boys when Manchester United's David for next time out."

#### CHAMPIONSHIP COUNTDOWN: No 8 Switzerland

### Old favourites left at home

When Switzerland became the first country to qualify for Euro 96, the hills were alive with the sound of celebrations. It was the first time they had made the finals and, fol lowing on from their promising 1994 World Cup, the mood was optimistic.

Seven months on, this has all but evaporated and the Swiss come to Wembley next week with few of their countrymen expecting anything more than a quick return home. The problems began almost as soon as they had qualified as Roy Hodgson. the coach, accepted an offer from Internazionale. The Londoner, known as King Rov in Switzerland, offered to combine the two jobs until after Euro 96 - but the Swiss FA opted to appoint

Jorge came with the right credentials. A multi-lingual Portuguese, he would have the same neutral perspective on internecine Swiss rivalry as Hodgson. He had coached Porto to the European Cup and had a brief, successful spell with his own national team. Yet he soon upset supporters and media, changing Hodgson's long-established 4-4-2 to 3-5-2. A defeat to Austria and a draw with Luxembourg followed and the final straw came at the weekend

Artur Jorge instead.

Knup and Alain Sutter. Knup is not a prolific striker at domestic level but for Switzerland he has scored a remarkable 26 goals in 45 appearances, one of them at Wembley in November. Sutter, while he has been struggled to match his form of USA 94, is a Swiss favourite. He has been playing for the national side for a decade,

when he dropped Adrian



personalities," said Jorge. which usually suggests that is precisely what it was about. The Swiss media had their own conspiracy theory. With Bobby Robson gone to Barcelona, the Porto job is vacant - lorge, so the theory goes, is aiming to make such a disaster of Euro 96 that the Swiss FA sacks him, thus enabling him to return to Porto.

The omission of Knup and Sutter certainly appears strange when the number of



Ciriaco Storza (Bayern Munich)

Tipped for great things from the moment he made his debut for Grasshopper Zürich at 16. Now 26, he has been an international for five years. Began as a sweeper but now plays the holding role, dictating the play with his passing and occasionally pushing forward himself. Useful at setpieces. Parents were Italian immigrants.

players already absent with injury are considered. The Argentine-born player of the year Nestor Subjat, Turkishborn midfielder Murat Yakin and left-back Pascal Thuler are out while Alain Geiger, the long-serving captain, and Stephane Chapuisat are still

recovering from injury. A fit Geiger is crucial to the side. Although he is slowing down his experience, and Stephane Henchoz's intimidating presence, form a solid defensive heart. The flanks are less secure. Marc Hottiger is suspended for the opening game against England while Yvan Quentin lacks concentration and class.

Much will depend on the German-based pair Ciriaco Sforza, the playmaker, and Chapuisat. If the latter fails to regain form after his knee ligament operation the onus will be on Kubilay Türkyilmaz, the one-time conqueror of Manchester United with Galatasaray. That Old Trafford memory, and Switzerland's 4-1 win over Romania in the last World Cup, will remind England not to take them lightly.

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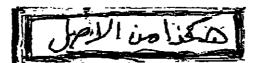
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# **Bannister resigns** over Illingworth

Cricket

HUGH BATESON

The Ray Illingworth book affair claimed its first victim yesterday. although the head on the platter was not the one some of the counties have been so ardenth pursuing this season. Jack Bannister, the co-writer of Illingworth's book, has resigned as president of the Cricketers' Association. He has been actively involved in the body since its launch in 1967.

The association's chairman. the Worcestershire opening batsman Tim Curtis, the vicechairman, Kent's Matthew Fleming, and treasurer, Alan Fordham of Northamptoushire,

plaining the move yesterday. The officers of the Professional Cricketers' Association have asked Jack Bannister, their president, to consider his honorary position in light of his role co-writing Ray Illingworth's book and other publications.

"Mr Bannister recognises the PCA's desire not to get drawn into the highly public de-bate currently being conduct-ed in the media over extracts from Mr Illingworth's book. In the wider interests of the Association and the game of crick-et he has therefore offered his

Although the statement observes the political niceties, many cricketers are known to be

### Rule of Law keeps **Essex in contention**

Essex 269-5 dec

Stript Law dominated the Essex first innings with a brilliant century at Chelmsford yesterday to put Essex 51 runs behind India in the Tetley Challenge match.

The 27-year-old Australian scored 153, 104 of which came before lunch, even though he did not arrive at the crease until both openers had been removed in the first five

Law completed his 100 from 84 balls and went on to chalk up 26 fours and one six in an innings which spanned 147 de-

It was an effort which left the acting Indian captain, Sachin Tendulkar, embarrassed, since he dropped a chance at first slip when Law had made only nine.

Law was eventually caught off the attacking spinner Narendra Hirwani and walked off to a standing ovation. It was his third first-class century of the summer and his fifth in all

Paul Prichard shared in a

fourth-wicket stand of 169 with Law, but had to settle for the

ninor role as he made 53 from However, Nasser Hussain, hoping to press his claims for a place in England's squad for next week's first Test at Edgbaston, made only seven before

falling to Paras Mhambrey. By the close, India had scored 81 for 1 to move into the final day with an overall lead of 132. Ajay Jadeja will resume on 55, having so far helped himself to seven fours and two sixes.

The former England paceman Graham Dilley is rejoining Worcestershire as a part-time bowling coach and consultant. Worcestershire are looking to Dilley, who spent six seasons at New Road, to bring on the young crop of pace bowlers, including Paul Thomas, Alamgir Šheriyar,

James Brinkley and Ben Preece. John Chadd, the cricket committee chairman, said: "We have got one or two promising bowlers and I think they need a bit of help from an unhappy with Illingworth's criticism of players while remaining as chairman of selectors. This move will be interpreted by some as a players' gesture to

The Illingworth book, for which the beleaguered chairman of selectors will have to answer to a full Test and County Cricket Board disciplinary hearing shortly, is just one of three that Bannister is involved with which will all bring controversy this summer. Allan Lamb gave up playing to free himself from the TCCB regulations controlling players' books before writing his autobiography with Bannister, and he has also helped the former umpire Don Oslear with his book. Both are expected to deal extensively with the ball-tampering allegations which so dis-figured the last Pakistan tour here. Wasim Akram's side tour here in the second part of the summer, when the books are due to be published.

Bannister said: "During the Association's last meeting six weeks ago, the question of my involvement in these three books was raised.

"I said that I didn't believe anyone could take exception to the content of them but I suggested that the officers of the Association adopted a wait and

Therefore, with Ray Illingworth now due to be in front of a disciplinary hearing, I can understand that the Association would want to distance themselves...if it is the judgement of the Association's officers that the best interests of cricket are served by me stepping down then I will gladly do it."

This has not been the happiest of summers for the association over its officers putting themselves in unfortunate positions. And by a rich irony, it was Bannister himself, alongside Curtis, who persuaded David Graveney to withdraw when he tried to stand against Illingworth as chairman of selectors. On that occasion, Graveney was able to withdraw, an option Bannister does not have over



### Roses semi-final match

Yorkshire and Lancashire have been drawn to meet in the and Hedges Cup, with Yorksemi-finals of the Benson and Hedges Cup. Lancashire, the holders, yesterday completed a five-wicket home win over Gloucestershire to seal a semifinal meeting with their great rivals, winners over Surrey ou Tuesday, at Old Trafford on 11

In the other semi-final Northamptonshire, who yesterday clinched a 23-run home victory over Kent, will meet Warwickshire, 12-run winners over Glamorgan, also on Tuesday, at the County Ground.

This will be a repeat of of last eason's Nat West Trophy final, won by Warwickshire, but the spotlight will inevitably fall on Manchester, where Yorkshire will aim to book a first final appearance since 1987.

That was also in the Benson shire winning a tied match against Northamptonshire by

virtue of taking more wickets.

Since then the county has gone through some of the leanest times in their proud history. But there is no shortage of confidence in the Yorkshire camp following the destruction of Surrey, and skipper David Byas will be boosted by the memory of last season's twowicket Roses win in the Nat West quarter-finals.

Yorkshire hope their batsman Martyn Mozon will recover from a bruised thumb in time to play Lancashire, who were steered to victory yesterday by Neil Fairbother's unbeaten 80. The 32-year-old left hander, left out of the recent Texaco Trophy series with India despite

playing in this year's World Cup, hit an unbeaten 80 to steady the holders.

Fairbrother's innings, which included two sixes and 11 other boundaries, rescued Lancashire from a perilous 34 for 4, chasing Gloucestershire's 158, having resumed overnight on 12 for 3.

John Emburey shattered Kent's Cup dream after being pushed back into the limelight yesterday. The new Northamptonshire player-coach was not too keen to bowl as his side threatened to lose their grip on a semi-final place. But, having accepted the challenge, the veteran spinner captured three crucial wickets in the space of seven balls to settle a contest with 24 runs to spare.

### Wasps target Wigan players

Rugby Union STEVE BALE

Emboldened by the significant finance that will come their way if they link with Queen's Park Rangers. Wasps yesterday en-tered the market with Bath for the leading rugby league play-ers who impressed playing for Wigan at Twickenham.

"If Lawrence Dallaglio has his way. Wasps will be signing Wigan's Andy Farrell and Henry Paul," Dallaglio, the captain of Wasps, declared.

The idea of some form of tem-porary exchange has been given credence by Jack Robinson, the Wigan chairman. Phil de Glanville and Jonathan Callard in particular are interesting Wigan, and Bath would consider just about every Wigan player, though Farrell is currently at the top of everyone's list.

"He is a big man so he can play in the forwards, but he can equally play in the backs because his pace is astonishing," Dallaglio said. "He is incredi-bly quick and kicks goals, so

from a rugby union point of view he has everything you could want. I'll try to persuade the club to make Farrell an offer.

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There are obviously other matters which need to be resolved, not least the QPR situation, but we have meetings from time to time and he is certainly one I would like to out forward as a suitable candidate. Having said that, if Bath are already in the ball game, then ob-

viously we are competing and

we'll have to move fairly fast.

The possibility of losing some of his players to union is alarming Graeme West, the Wigan coach. "Several of our players were approached after the game official approach before the matter can go any further," he said.

Double rugby international
Rowland Phillips is to return to union with Treorehy at the end of the first Super League cam-paign. The 30-year-old forward will see out the remainder of the Super League season with Workington before joining the Heineken League side on a one-year contract.

### Wales' flying start

Gareth Thomas scored five tries as Wales made a flying start to their Australian tour by hammering Western Australia at the WACA ground in Perth vesterday.

Wales, despite spells of slop-py play, finished with 10 tries, the 4th-minute introduction of Nigel Davies at centre instantly producing more creativity, variation and productive backplay from the tourists. The one to profit most was Thomas, who was switched from the centre to wing when Davies came on for Simon Hill. Thomas collected four of his tries in a 24-

There could have been even more but for chances that were left begging and two spells in which Western Australia grabbed a try. But it was Wales' and Thomas's night, the 20-year-old who signed for Pontypridd just

before the tour benefiting as Wales spread the ball wide. Scrum-half Andy Moore had the distinction of scoring the

first points of the trip with a fourth-minute try, Thomas started his tally and then Hill twice raced over in the corner as Wales took command. Uncapped wing Dafydd James notched the fifth just before half-time, and Thomas all but monopolised the second-half scoring. The only one to interrupt his spree was Hanker Kingsley Jones.

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA: J Shirkey, D Curbox, M Staffington, C Schaumlet, B Hart, C Mc-Mußen, A McDoreat (capt); G Howard, M Brain, A McDoreat (capt); G Howard, M Brain, M Porter, Thomas, K Angus, M Meredith, J O'Caltaghan, D Gleghom.

WALES: C Commack (Portyphold); S Hill Contiff, G Thomas, Expendently, J Fene-

(Cardiff), G Thomas (Pontypridd); J Fen-nell (Neath), D James (Brighoff); N Jenk-les (Pontypridd), A Moore (Rchmond); N Taylor (Cardiff, 201), K Jones (Chow Vale), § Lewis (Cardiff), D Jones (Cardiff), P Arnold (Swanssa), A Lewis (Cardiff), G Jenkins (Swanssa), A Lewis (Cardiff), Re-placements: N Davies (Ikinelli), A Thomas (Swanssa), R Howley (Brigard), M Voyle (New-port), C Loader (Swanssa), J Humphreys (Cardiff),

### **Eagles prepare to land in South Wales**

Sheffield will travel to rugby union's South Wales heartland next month to face the current Super League leaders, St Helens, in Cardiff. And Gary Hetherington, the south Yorkshire club's coach and chief executive, revealed vesterday that he had attempted to sign Neil Jenkins, one of the principality's luminaries in the 15-a-side game.

"We were very close to sign-ing Neil last year," he said. "He would be a very good League player and at the time we needed a good goalkicker, but Mark our full nackage of entertain-Aston came back to us and he has done a great job."

Sheffield's Super League match at Wigan last night by injury, joined Hetherington, Saints officials and forward Apollo Perelini to publicise the game.

The Rugby League is bidding

Sheffield home match, will be Union ground (adjacent to the Arms Park) on 8 June, with the curtain-raiser.

Aston, ruled out of ing mini-rugby and a top band given every team a chance to

played at the Cardiff Rugby Second Division match between South Wales and Carlisle as a

added: "We want to bring down ment. It is two games for the price of one along with music, danc-

"But it is the unknown. We are looking to attract tradi-

The fixture, nominally a

to raise the profile of the game in Wales, and Hetherington

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with a new sound system. We are looking to show rugby league off on a Super League day out.

> tional rugby fans in Wales and hope our supporters will not be as disappointed as I was when we visited the later-defunct Bridgend in 1984 and lost."

Western Samoa in a union inthe 1991 World Cup, so I remember the place very, very

"The Super League has been very good so far as Wigan are shown to be beatable, and it has

executive, said: "We have brought the Challenge Cup to Wales with us to put on show. Our fans are now used to being on the road. They went to Wembley and Paris and will be with us in Wales.

"We have supported this ven-Perelini, who played for ture from the word go. The more new teams in the League, ternational on his last visit to the better it is. This is the ide-Cardiff, said: "We beat Wales in al venue."

Hetherington is in no doubt the match will be a competitive affair. "We have won our last three games against Saints at the Don Valley Stadium. This will be intense, a high-pressure match."

#### **Hulme brothers** freed by Widnes

David Howes, Saints' chief Widnes have cancelled the contracts of their two most experienced players in the same week that the pair were due to take them before a League tribunal for falling behind with their payments, writes Dave Hadfield.

The brothers David and Paul Hulme are now free agents after 16 and 13 years with the club respectively.

Widnes' action in freeing them has only pre-empted the likely ruling by the League, which had already told the play-ers that it supported their claim that the club was in breach of its contracts with them.

### Billington has eye on Atlanta

minute period.

GENEVIEVE MURPHY

Geoff Billington's quest for a place in the Olympic team enters a crucial stage as the ENZA Nations Cup Show begins its four-day run at Hickstead this morning. Billington is part of the British

be riding the wonderful Dutchbred It's Otto. The 10-year-old country and Billington will have

which he seems certain to be selected for the British team. The quartet for the team

squad at Hickstead, where he will

squad members: Billington. John and Michael Whitaker, William Funnell and Di Lampard. Last year John Whitaker rode Welham to a double-clear round for the victorious British team and this game little horse is likely to be his mount again tomorrow, and in Atlanta.

Michael Whitaker's likely Olympic partner, Twostep, will not be aimed at the Nations Cup or Saturday's Grand Prix. Hickis probably the best horse in the stead will be the horse's first show since Bordeaux in Februthe chance to prove it in to-morrow's Nations Cup, for ed for a cut lip when he reared over backwards on to concrete. On that occasion, Twostep

was concussed and he cracked

will be chosen from the five two bones in his withers. In November last year, his leg became trapped in an iron gate and he had to have 12 stitches.

But Twostep also had his moments of glory last year, winning the Calgary Grand Prix and finishing second in the European Championships. Ronnie Massarella, the British team manager, will be hoping to see Twostep jumping in the smaller classes with all his old flair this week.

The Germans have not sent their top riders to Hickstead, but some of the best competitors from France, Ireland and Belgium will be in action at the Sussex showgound where the ENZA Grand Prix carries a first prize of £12,000.

#### CRICKET SCOREBOARD Benson and Hedges Cup Quarter-finals

Lancashire v Gloucestershire OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire beat Glouces tershire by 5 wickets. STERSHIRE - 158 (S Dworthy 4-14). LANCASHIRE

(Overnight: 1,2 for 3) N J Speak c Rusself b Hancock .... J P Crawley b Ball ...... Fairbrother not out ..... G D Lloyd not out Total (for 5, 39.4 overs): Fall: 4-32, 5-142. Did not but: †W K Hegg, S Eworthy, P J Mar-

1(3.2) Yates. Bearing: Welsh 8.4-2-33-1; Smith 9-3-30-2-Hancock 8-1-32-1; Alegne 2-0-15-0; Davis G-0-34-0; Ball 6-1-17-1 Umpires: B Dudieston and V A Holder. Northamptonshire v Kent

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE - 283 for 7 (R.) Bai-ley 105no, D.) Capel 63). KENT
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### **Tetley's Challenge Series** CHEMSFORD: India, with the second-in-nings widens standing, ore 132 nate about of Essex.

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from Glasgow decided to re-Starting today

als Mick Hill (javelin), Ann Griffiths (1500m) and Alison Wyeth (5,000m) in withdrawing. Britain also lost Tony Jarrett from the sprint relay squad and Iwan Thomas from the 4x400m line-up.

#### Neef on one leg only in **Madrid**

Melanie Neef bas dealt Britain's European Cup team another blow by pulling out of Saturday's 400 metres in Madrid. Neef, the winner of the event in Lille last year, has an Achilles problem and withdrew from two week-After physiotherapy yester-

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Rugby League London Broncos yesterday signed a £100,000 sporsorship deal with Foster's lager brewers. The deal will run for the remainder of the summer season with an notion for the next two campaigns. Rugby Union

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Australia will pay twice in both Belfast and Dublin on their three-country tour next season, which begins in Scotland and ends with a game against the Barbarians at Twickernham.

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> Chanda Rubin, the 20-year-old Amer-ican currently ranked No 6 in the world, will compete at the Beckenham Open next week. Rubin, voted the most im-proved player on the women's circuit last year, played in the longest women's matches at both Wimbledon and the Australian Open. Australian Open.
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TODAY'S FIXTURES

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#### TODAY'S NUMBER

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The amount, in dollars (£33,000) that Russian athletes will be rewarded by their federation for winning a gold medal at the Atlanta Olympics. They will receive \$20,000 for second place and \$10,000 for a bronze medal.

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Richard Dunwoody closed on his seventh successive century of winners at Cartmel yesterday as he made a winning return from suspension. The champion jockey moved onto the 97-winner mark with three days of the campaign left as he scored on Sian RIPON

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River, reasoning: "The ground is pretty bad between the third last and the second last but when you hit the rising ground it is good going." Dunwoody, who had ridden 42 winners in Ireland this term, is keen to reach three figures in a season in which he turned freelance and cut back his commitments in this country. "It would be very nice to do it," he said. "So I am riding at Uttoxeter and Hereford tomorrow, Stratford on Fri-day and then Stratford and Market Rasen on Saturday." Nor will there be any rest afterwards for the Ulsterman, who intends riding at Tralee

and then Baden Baden early next

week. And he will also be in action in the summer jumping campaign

which starts next week.

Athletics

amination this week will determine whether the three-time Olympic gold medalist can continue training for the 400 metres at Atlanta or will need surgery.

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### SPORTING DIGEST

Blackburn have announced a multi-million pound shirt sponsorship deal with the Co-operative Insurance Society. The CIS initials will appear on Rovers' new-look kit, which was unwelled yesterday. Phil Brown, the former Bolton manager, celebrates his 39th birthday today by rejoining the club as first-team two seasons as player-coach with Sec-ond Division Biadopool, made more than 300 appearances for Bolton after join-ing them in 1988.

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THE INDEPENDENT • THURSDAY 30 MAY 1996 In the Independent's comprehensive guide to Euro 96 on Monday. Gary McAllister talks to Phil Shaw

# Nothing new about footballers behaving badly

Like me, plenty of people must have thought about telling Paul Gascoigne to run off and play with the other children. A lot of the time you can't help feeling that he should be sent to bed without any dinner.

An unavoidable conclusion is that England's most accomplished footballer is only just out of short trousers and a passion for Thomas the Tank Engine videos,

Whatever Gascoigne did or did not do on the England squad's flight home from Hong Kong, contemplation of the embarrassment he has frequently caused, and the fairly obvious notion that he is 29 going on the age of a playschool pupil, should not persuade anyone to suppose that poor conduct from professional footballers is without precedent in previous genera-

by the fact that they are men playing a boys game. It is a world of relentless mickey taking and juvenile pranks. The principal topics of conversation in dressing rooms are money and sex. Players who read books are viewed with deep susnicion. Some years ago a televised attempt to portray a day in the life of the former Celtic winger, Jimmy Johnstone, revealed depressingly that he spent most of his time after

training "just hangin' aboot". Booze sometimes comes into it too. "Why do your players drink so much?" asked the late Gigi Perronace who brokered the earliest transfers of British players to Italian clubs. During the five hugely successful years John Charles spent with Juventus he never

The attitude of professional saw a player the worse for footballers generally is shaped drink. There was always wine on the table at meal times but nobody took more than a couple of glasses," he recalled. They don't have to be told either. Drinking just isn't a part of their culture.

German and Dutch players have a reputation for falling out among themselves and with their coaches, but unlike their British counterparts they are unlikely to seek out the near-

Drink fuelled a scandal involving the England team at Belgrade airport in 1974 shortly after the Football Association fired Alf Ramsey. Temporarily under he guidance of Joe Mercer, some of the England players took advantage of a more relaxed atmosphere and began drinking heavily on the flight, thus alerting fellow trav-



ellers to the possibility of an incident. Allowed to straggle through immigration instead of being ushered as they were under Ramsey, the first arrivals began clowning about on a luggage carousel to the annoyance of a watching policeman. Although innocent of

No liberties were taken during Ramsey's time. "Would you think about allowing us to travel in casual gear," Bobby

this prattish behaviour, Kevin

Reegan, being closest to hand,

**Ken Jones, Chief Sports** Writer, believes that the majority of players cannot always be relied upon to discipline themselves

> Charlton asked Ramsey before England undertook a summer tour. "I'll think about it," Ramsey replied, adding quickly: "Tve thought about. We'll travel in blazers and flannels."

Ramsey let it be known early that he would not tolerate even minor breaches of discipline. On the eve of England's departure from Lisbon for the United States in the summer of 1964, four senior players re-turning to the hotel 30 minutes after curfew each found a pass port and air ticket on his pil-

Ramsey said curtly the next morning at breakfast. One was Bobby Charlton. "We hadn't misbehaved, gone out on the town or anything," he said.
"Just a little late getting back. But Alf wasn't having any ex-cuses. He told us that if it had been possible to get replace-ments we would have been on the plane home. Right away, we knew exactly where we stood

The thing to know about the majority of professional footballers is that they cannot always be relied upon to discipline themselves. Expecting them to behave sensibly at all times is asking for trouble. Treat players like adults and there is a good chance that they will respond accordingly." Ron

low. There are four people aging West Ham. Not many here who need to see me, years afterwards, five members years afterwards, five members of his team, including Bobby Moore and Jimmy Greaves, were suspended and fined for spending time in a nightclub on the eve of an FA Cup defeat at Blackpool.

Nothing much has changed, although from personal experience as a teenage professional things appeared to be different in the decade following World War II, probably because teams were made up mostly of players who had spent five years in uniform.

Jimmy Adamson, who played in a fine Burnley team of the 1960s, had this thought as their manager. "It would be interesting to see how many of my lot would make it if they were told to make their own way to our next away match. Eight? Nine? Not all of them, that's for sure."

talking about mainly is childishness, just another expression of the lager lout culture, fostered in football by salaries that are, in the main, out of all pro-portion to ability and celebripost pest

ty fawning.

It doesn't begin to compare with the awfulness of charges laid this week in the United States against Darryl Henley who turned out at corner back for the Los Angeles Rams. Arraigned on drugs offences, Henley is alleged to have called on a mobile telephone from his prison cell to put out contract hits, totalling \$1m (£660,000)

on a judge and a peace officer. As for Gascoigne, it is said he responds best when aware of loving amention. Well, so do my small grandsons. Perhaps that is it. Put Gascoigne with small children and he is with his people.

## £10m offer to link QPR with Wasps

STEVE BALE

Combining football and rugby clubs, much touted since rugby union went professional nine months ago, will become reality if Queen's Park Rangers and Wasps accept bids from a music magnate who intends to bring them together at Loftus Road.

Chris Wright, majority shareholder of the television and entertainment group Chrysalis, yesterday tabled an £8m offer to buy the recently relegated football club from Richard Thompson. At the same time he proposed paying £1.75m for a 49.9 per cent stake in Wasps, with another £1m available for players' contracts.

Rangers director Alan Hedges said that Wright's was just one of three offers for the football club. One is fronted by the former Guinness chief, Ernest Saunders.

"I have been a supporter at Loftus Road for 20 years. That's why I want to get involved - bccause I am a fanatic," Wright said yesterday. He said that Ray Wilkins would definitely continue as manager, and would have money to buy new players.

Wright believed he had the deal in the bag two days ago but said that Thompson

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"changed the parameters - and that usually means asking for tensive scrummaging, rucking more money".

Wasps have asked for 21 days to consider Wright's offer, which is contingent on their playing first-team matches at Loftus Road and using their present facility at Sudbury near Wembley for second-team fixtures for both the football and rugby clubs, though Wright is reportedly interested in develop-ing Sudbury if his QPR interest

goes unrequited.
Wright's plan received the immediate endorsement of their captain, the England flanker Lawrence Dallaglio, and the

"The QPR link-up would undoubtedly be good for Wasps," Dallaglio said yesterday. "It would provide us with the best stadium facilities in the country and help us go into the new era of professional rugby in the right environment to produce a trophy-winning side."

He added: "The surface is

like a bowling-green and would be fantastic to play on." Quite how long it would stay in such pristine condition is arguable, the Cardiff rugby league side played at Ninian Park in the early 1980s. Then, the rugby, even

THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

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tensive scrummaging, rucking and mauling, played havoc with

the turf. That would be just one of the implications that the Football League would want to investigate. "Any member club wishing to share its ground with another sporting activity would need our permission," League spokesman Chris Hull said.

There would be obvious concerns as to the standard of pitches for League matches if another sport were to be staged on the same ground."

There are also potential problems with the pitch size. On the few occasions rugby has used football facilities - for instance, when the North played New Zealand at Anfield in 1993 - the pitch has had to be shortened in order to accommodate even a truncated in-goal area.

"These proposals not only offer both clubs financial securibut also the chance to establish London's premier sporting venue at Loftus Road," Wright said. "We would ensure that Wasps and QPR retain their individual identities but are though, remembering the ex- able to benefit from the huge perience of Cardiff City when marketing and commercial opportunities that the joint organisation would provide."

Wigan link, page 27

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Me and my shadow: Mary Pierce serves her way to victory in the seond round of the French Open

### Woodruff ruffles **Agassi's feathers**

gist that I worked with, and that lowed me to hang in there." Woodruff certainly hung in

JOHN ROBERTS reports from Paris

The niftiest move Andre Agassi made here yesterday was when he stepped into a waiting car in the parking area beneath Court Suzanne Lenglen and was driven along the Avenue de la Porte D'Auteuil and out of reach of media interrogators.

Dodging interviews after be-ing eliminated in the second round of the French Open by Chris Woodruff, an American compatriot ranked No 72 in the world, will cost Agassi an automatic \$2,000 (£1,350) fine double the penalty for uttering obscenities during his opening match - but it will hardly leave him without the means to travel to Wimbledon. While it would have been in-

teresting to hear the third seed's reasoning after another of those hit-or-bust performances which punctuate his eccentric career, premature departures from clay-court events by Agassi are not exactly uncommon. Since losing in consecutive finals here in 1990 and 1991 he has become something of an *au revoir* 

was troubled by a hip injury when losing in straight sets to Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the quarter-finals. Yesterday there was no excuse. Although somewhat perplexed by the solid play of an unruffled opponent over five sets, Agassi committed 63 unforced errors, 12 of them double-faults, scarcely the form of a man who needs the French title to complete a

ry to leave the grounds. The 23year-old was so overcome in his moment of victory that he broke down and cried on the court. Here was a player who became

play to break in the fifth and sevthe international satellite circuit that only nine months ago he enth games. And when match considered giving up. "I had one foot out the door," he said, "but point arrived with Woodruff serving at 5-2, 40-15, Agassi netted a backhand approach. I got some help from my coach, Aside from beating Agassi, Woodruff was also privileged to have a few words with him. "Afmy dad and a sports psycholo-

yesterday, out-lasting his celegratulations, which I thought brated opponent over three was pretty classy. Also, before we hours to win 4-6, 6-4, 6-7, 6-3, went out on the court, he said. 6-2. While taking nothing away from himself, Woodruff was in How're you doing? My name is Andre', as if I didn't know that." a better position than anyone No introductions were necelse to spot the flaws in Agassi's performance. "I thought he was impatient sometimes," essary on the Centre Court when Pete Sampras, the top seed, played Sergi Bruguera, who won the title in 1993 and he said. "He was pretty determined to drive the ball through 1994. They met as early as me after four or five shots. It round two because Bruguera's seemed like he was always tryranking has slipped to No 23.

ing to play 'offense' and had no Samoras set about his task as if the Spaniard was little more That was evident each time than a practice partner, com-Agassi threatened to take confortably winning the opening trol of the match, and was ensets. He then gave Bruguera the cansulated in the final set. sniff of an opportunity, and be-Having won the opening seven fore we knew it the match had points, an impetuous Agassi moved into a fifth set. failed to capitalise on four break points in the second game.

It was then that Sampras demonstrated his determination as well as his skill and fitness, controlling the important points to advance to the third round. This was by far the best win I've had on clay," Sampras said. "My serve won it for me." He now plays Todd Martin. Bruguera, the most eminent

ter the match he just said 'Con-

fall, was joined by Alberto Costa, the No 12 seed, who was surprisingly eliminated by a compatriot, Francisco Clavet, Monica Seles again lacked conviction when serving, but her groundstrokes proved too powerful for Naoko Sawamatsu.

Seles won, 7-6, 6-2. Yi Jingqian, who caused Tuesday's upset against Jennifer Capriati, came down to earth with a 6-0, 6-3 defeat by Barbara Rittner. Results, Sporting Digest.

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